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We have placed on sale all
of our Ladies Coats at
HALF PRICE

There are 100 new coats, just in, of
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Ladies Suits, including Princess make,
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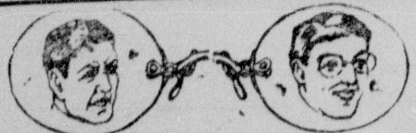
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They are double vision lenses with one solid piece
glasses you can see far and near.
Let us examine your eyes, we grind the glasses and
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Our prices are the most reasonable.

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KNOX PROPOSES TO DECLARE PEACE WITH GERMANY WITH ALL ADVANTAGES OF TREATY

Republican Senator Offers Method of Refusing to Ratify the
Versailles Treaty and Still Derive Material Benefits
by Demanding that 'Germany Accede' or
Have Commerce Cut Off.

THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED IN A WRECK

FREIGHT CRASHED INTO PASSEN-
GER TRAIN LOADED WITH
IMMIGRANTS NEAR
MAINE BORDER.

By Associated Press.

Onawa, Me., Dec. 20.—Thirteen persons were killed or burned to death and many sustained burns and injuries when a freight train collided with a special train from St. John, New Brunswick, loaded with steerage passengers from the steamship Empress of France on the Canadian Pacific railway near here today. The freight telescoped the engine and forward cars of the passenger train and the wreckage burned. The engineers of both trains were among those killed. The bodies of 11 were removed from the wreckage to the snow-covered embankment awaiting identification.

TEXAS CRUDE ADVANCED.

By Associated Press.

per cent advance in the price of Texas crude oil was announced today by the Sinclair and Gulf companies, making it \$2.75 a barrel.

LEFT FOR MOBILE.

By Associated Press.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 20.—The United States transatlantic flyer, Lieut. A. C. Read commanding, left at 9:35 this morning for Mobile. He has been here since Tuesday.

COTTON GINNED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13, the census bureau announced today, amounted to 9,402,520 running bales, including 103,926 round bales, 27,905 bales American Egyptian and 6,429 bales Sea Island.

STATE POLICES TOWN.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 20.—It will be necessary for the state to police the town of Desdemona, said W. A. Keeling, assistant attorney general, as the sheriff and his deputies have resigned. The law and order league had instituted quo warranto proceedings against the sheriff and some of his deputies, Keeling said, because of conditions alleged to have existed in the town. He said during his recent inspection trip through the north Texas oil fields he found everywhere there was more or less open violation of the laws regulating vices.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight and Sunday partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:

Max. temp. 58 degs.

Min. temp. 50 degs.

General direction of wind: North-east.
Cloudy.

Should Be Quarantined.

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the diseases, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—A redrafted resolution by Senator Knox to declare a state of peace with Germany and retain to the United States all material benefits that would be gained under the unratified treaty of Versailles was approved by the senate foreign relations committee today by a vote of 7 to 3. The measure, on which senate action will be sought after the holiday recess, is in the form of a joint resolution and would provide that, unless Germany concedes to the United States such material benefits as are contained in the treaty, commerce with German nationals could be prohibited by presidential proclamation.

THE SOVIET ARK NOW AWAITS HER CARGO

RADICALS IN HUNDREDS WILL
GO ABOARD "TWO BY
TWO" TO SAIL FOR
RUSSIA.

By Associated Press.
London, "the soviet ark," is ready to leave New York for Russia. It is expected that it will carry on her holiday cruise the greater part of several hundred radicals held for deportation at Ellis Island. It was intimated the craft would weigh anchor tonight or tomorrow.

THE TIME'S GETTING SHORT
IN WHICH TO GET RECEIPTS

Everyone Wanting to Exercise the
Rights of American Citizenship
Should Get Poll Tax Receipts.

While there is no apparent rush to get poll tax receipts so far in either Laredo or Webb county, nevertheless a big rush in this respect is expected to ensue immediately after the beginning of the new year, as January 31 is the last day on which such receipts can be issued by either the city or county tax collectors and those not having the requisite poll tax receipts of both the city and county after that date will be deprived of the right of voting in 1920.

There are numerous elections to be held during the coming year, including everything from the municipal election of Laredo in April up to the great national election in November, and as every American citizen will want to exercise the prerogative of voting for every officer from constable up to president of the United States, it behooves him to get busy and get his poll tax receipts as soon as possible so as to be certain to be able to exercise his franchise rights at the election polls during the coming year. Besides the male voters, many women are also planning to take out their poll tax receipts.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 20.

Maurice Maeterlinck, who is due to arrive in New York to witness the presentation of an operatic version of his "Blue Bird," has been foremost for years among the world's poets and dramatists. He is compared with Shakespeare, even by his enemies. He was born in Ghent and received his education at the university in his native city. With an independent fortune, he determined in early years to devote his life to poetry. English and American critics knew little about Maeterlinck until his "Princess Maleine" had been translated into English and Beerbohm Tree had introduced "L'Intruse" to a London audience under the title of "The Intruder." Then it was that the English-speaking world went wild over Maeterlinck. His works have been translated into practically every European language.

THIRTY MEN DROWN WHEN TANKER SINKS

STRUCK ON REEF AND BROKE IN
TWO, AFTER PART SINKING
WITH SAILORS
ABOARD.

By Associated Press.

Bandon, Ore., Dec. 20.—At least 30 lives were lost when the oil tanker J. A. Chanslor, bound in ballast from Portland, Ore., to San Francisco, was wrecked off Cape Blanco Thursday night, according to the report of Earl Dooley, one of the crew, washed ashore near here last night. According to Dooley, the ship struck on a reef and broke in two, the after part sinking, taking 30 men with it. A score of the crew of 51 are still unaccounted for today. A 65-mile gale was blowing last night.

NOMINATED HIM AGAIN.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—John Skelton of the currency.

PASSED SUGAR BILL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 20.—By a vote of 59 to 12 the senate today adopted the compromise bill to continue government control of sugar during 1920, accepting the house amendments increasing the authority of the United States sugar equalization board by limiting licensing powers to next June 30.

ARCHBISHOP GLENNON'S AN-
VERSARY.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Most Rev. John Joseph Glennon, Roman Catholic archbishop of St. Louis, today celebrates the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Although born and educated in Ireland, the church career of the Archbishop has been confined wholly to America. Following his ordination in 1884 he became assistant pastor of a church in Kansas City and rose until he became coadjutor bishop of the Kansas City diocese. He has been at the head of the archdiocese of St. Louis since 1903.

PULPIT TWO CENTURIES OLD.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 2.—An unusual anniversary service is to be held in historic King's Chapel tomorrow, in commemoration of the erection of the pulpit. Although the church itself was built in 1349, the pulpit dates from 1719, and is probably the oldest one still in use on the original site in America. The present King's Chapel was preceded by a wooden structure built on the same location in 1689. The pulpit was put in this building in 1719, and has been in use ever since. During the Revolution it was temporarily moved to one side in order that it might not interfere with the performances of the British soldiers, who used the church as a theatre during their occupation of Boston.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Archbishop Glennon today celebrates the completion of his 35th year in the priesthood.

Bishop Feehan of Fall River, Mass., and Bishop Lenihan of Great Falls, Mont., today celebrate the 40th anniversary of their ordination.

Both houses of the United States Congress will adjourn today for a recess over the Christmas holidays.

General Pershing is scheduled to arrive in Chicago today and will remain the guest of that city over Sunday.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, November 17, 1919, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts \$1,752,854.77	Capital Stock \$200,000.00
United States Bonds 245,376.25	Surplus Fund 100,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities 101,296.51	Undivided Profits, net 146,233.42
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 9,000.00	Unearned Interest
Redemption Fund with	approximate 45,600.28
U. S. Treasurer 10,000.00	Circulation 196,600.00
Banking House, Furniture	Other Liabilities 3,778.08
and Fixtures 50,000.00	Deposits 2,056,323.21
Interest earned, not collected,	
approximate 26,750.93	
Cash and Exchange 553,257.21	
Total \$2,748,535.69	Total \$2,748,535.69

J. K. Beretta, President
B. M. Alexander, Vice-Pres.
Sam W. Brown, Cashier

M. W. Brennan, Asst. Cashier
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Make a Merry Christmas last the whole
year through

The gift will be useful if bought here

DIAMONDS!

By far the greatest showing in this section. Ask to see them. A wonderful assortment, ranging from 4 to 20 carats, and, too, at saving to you, for early purchases before the many recent advances made it possible to save you from 20 to 30 per cent.

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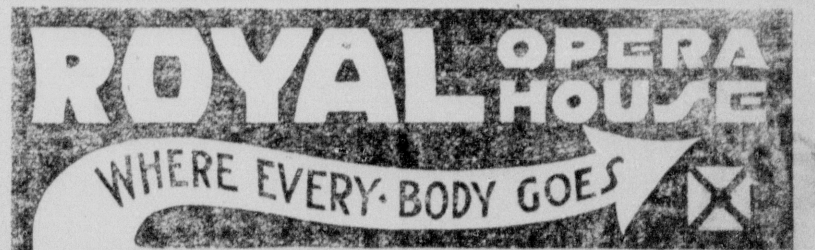
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Whether it be for gas, steam, wood or coal,
we have ample facilities for supplying and
installing the type of heater you should have.

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Today—Evelyn Greeley in "ME AND CAPTAIN KIDD," a romance of society that reaches the heartstrings, yet sends you home with a smile.

Fox News and Prisma, in natural colors.

Admission 10c and 20c.

Tomorrow: Leah Baird in "THE CAPITOL," and Mr. and Mrs. Carter De Haven in "MOVING DAY," comedy. Admission 15c and 25c.

GET AFTER THE RASCALS.

Now that the war is over congress is getting busy on investigations as to how some of the money was expended, and some of the investigations are not resulting favorably to the persons investigated.

The latest report is concerning the construction of buildings under the direction of the housing commission, and while the committee's report is not given in full, it is evident that some graft was uncovered, as the committee recommends that steps be taken to recover money which was improperly charged, and if the persons or corporations receiving the alleged overcharges refuse to make voluntary restitution, that civil action be instituted by the government.

It is natural to expect that if cause for civil action lies, there would also be cause for criminal prosecution, but perhaps this will come later, upon establishment of the correctness of the committee's charges.

It is natural to expect that there will be some graft in a war such as that through which we have just passed. Not that it is pardonable, and all who are guilty of such despicable theft should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. But in time of the government's need a certain sort of people always take advantage of the opportunities, knowing that the accounts in emergency cases are not too closely scrutinized at the time.

There is also some expectation that dirty politics will help in covering up some of the most flagrant cases rather than implicate people of high standing, and perhaps this is one of the reasons why so few comparatively, at least—of our big grafters have been punished.

The "embalmed beef" scandal of the Spanish war was one of those which were to a certain extent hushed up, and no one now remembers anyone who suffered any penalty, with the exception of General Egan of the commissary department. Apparently others of too high standing to warrant a presumption of their conviction were implicated; at least, that is the general opinion now.

So far there has been but one scandal originating in army contracts, and that was the raincoat deal by which certain persons made a great deal of money by furnishing worthless equipment for our soldiers. There have been hints that investigation of the subsistence department of our expeditionary forces might uncover a few scandals, but that may be merely soldier talk, although the food served our men in the front was no better than any other in the world.

The question of constructing buildings right well be investigated. The buildings were few of them of a costly type, yet many millions were spent in erecting them. And had the war lasted a few months longer, many more millions were slated to have been spent.

It is true that materials and labor were at a high premium during the war period, but that does not seem to explain some of the contract prices paid for pine buildings of the most ordinary construction. Perhaps some of the graft came through the plumbing, drainage, bathing facilities and other "extras" which were furnished.

At any rate, many of the buildings were "wrecked" after their period of usefulness had ended, and in some places the only slightly used materials were sold for scandalously low prices. Indeed, many lumber companies were enabled to buy back the lumber at a price which left them a good profit when selling it as second-hand material.

It is to be hoped—though hardly expected—that the persons guilty of graft in connection with the government's needs at a time when the entire country was heavily taxed to supply those needs will be severely punished.

Many people look upon a government contract much as the old politician did upon a government position, when he said: "A public office is a private snap." And the people look with lenity upon many of these "operations" as being less reprehensible than stealing from an individual.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 19.
Viscount Milner, who has arrived in Cairo as head of the British Mission to determine the nature of the new protectorate in Egypt, has had a distinguished career as a colonial administrator. He was Under-Secretary for Egypt 1889-92, Governor of the Cape of Good Hope in 1897-1901, Governor of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony in 1901-1905, and, also, from 1897 to 1905, served as High Commissioner for South Africa. In 1918 he served for a time as Secretary of State for War in the British Ministry. In early years Lord Milner was an important figure in British journalism. His best-known book is "England in Egypt." He has long been a prominent advocate of an Anglo-American union as a means of preserving the peace of the world.

Notice.
Have temporarily moved to the store on Hidalgo street one door east of the People's Pharmacy.
W. R. MUFER.
12-18-12.

"I GAINED 22 POUNDS" SAYS ATLANTA MAN

WELL-KNOWN SEABOARD AIR LINE ENGINEER SAYS TAN-

LAC HAS STRAIGHT- ENED HIM OUT.

"I have gained twenty-two pounds by taking Tanlac and never felt better in my life before," said B. F. House, for several years an engineer for the Seaboard Air Line railroad at Howell Yards, and whose address is R. F. D. No. 5, Box 145, Atlanta, Ga. "My appetite failed," he continued, "and I got so I couldn't eat any breakfast at all. A few bites of anything would nauseate me and I would feel puffed up and have awful pains in the pit of my stomach. What little I did eat failed to nourish me and I lost weight and strength right along and it was an actual strain for me to handle my engine. I was going down hill so steadily that I knew if I didn't get something to fix me up I would have to lay off from work entirely.

"One of my friends advised me to take Tanlac and I actually gained twenty-two pounds in less than a month. I have a big appetite now, can eat anything I want and don't have any more of that puffed up feeling or pain in my stomach. Tanlac certainly has kept me on my engine and it wouldn't be right for me not to tell others about how much it has helped me."

All druggists sell Tanlac.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

DECEMBER 19.
1731—Thomas Willing, an eminent merchant who was president of the first chartered bank in America, born in Philadelphia. Died there, Jan. 19, 1821.

1819—Henry Clay Frick, capitalist and philanthropist, born at West Overton, Pa. Died in New York City, Dec. 2, 1919.

1853—Denmark protested against the proposed occupation of Schleswig-Holstein by the German States.

1900—Memorial services for the British soldiers who fell in South Africa were held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

1914—The Russian revolution broke out in Moscow and Brooklyn, was formally opened.

1914—Russians defeated Turks in the Caucasus.

1915—British withdrew the Anzac army from the Gallipoli.

1916—Austro-Germans advanced toward Sereth River in Roumania.

1917—General Sarrail, Allied commander at Salonica, was recalled.

DAMP WEATHER INTERFERES WITH THE BUILDING WORK

During the Year Just Closing Carpenters and Brickmasons Have Been Handicapped by Bad Weather.

The damp, rainy weather of the past few days here has caused considerable construction work in progress to temporarily suspend, in fact carpenters and brick masons have had an unusually bad year from the standpoint of rain and bad weather interfering with their work, and throughout the year 1919 they have compelled to "lay off" many days at a time on account of rain and storms.

The year 1919 will go down into history as the wettest, stormiest and most disturbed year in the history of Laredo, and during that time there have been more heavy rains, more local storms, more big rises in Rio Grande and more threatening weather than in any previous year known here. One prolonged wet spell after each other have been experienced here during the past year and more rain has fallen each time than was ever before experienced here. In fact, the total precipitation recorded here for 1919 will far exceed that of any other year in Laredo and this entire section. But the entire state appears to have had unprecedented heavy rains during the year just closing.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 19.

Rev. Roberts Returned.
Rev. Roberts has just returned from San Antonio, where he has been attending the Interchurch World Movement of North America, and reports a very successful meeting. He is personally greatly impressed with its purposes and aims. Rev. Roberts will be in his pulpit Sunday at the usual hours.

Business Change.

I have purchased the Mateo Lopez barber shop on the southside of Market plaza in the Laredo National Bank building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

JUAN LOPEZ.
12-8-12m.

DISTRICT COURT GRINDING AWAY ON CRIMINAL DOCKET

DISPOSED OF A DIVORCE CASE YESTERDAY AFTERSOON.

Peterman Bond Forfeited This Morning When He Failed to Appear for Trial; Case Set for Tomorrow.

The only business disposed of in the district court yesterday afternoon was the severing of the matrimonial ties between a couple who had decided to get the law to "break the tie that binds" and each will live separate and apart in the future.

This morning the following business was disposed of in the court and then it recessed until tomorrow at 9 o'clock after discharging the jury for the week:

G. B. Peterman, charged with swindling over \$50, forfeited his bond of \$2,000 this morning when he failed to appear for trial.

The case of Felipe Herrera, charged with aggravated assault, which was continued from the last term, was dismissed by the district attorney this morning for lack of sufficient evidence to convict.

The case of Henry White, a soldier, charged with assault with a prohibited weapon, was reset for December 23rd.

The case of Merced de la Cruz, charged with a statutory crime, will be called for trial tomorrow morning, when a special venire which has been summoned will respond and from the number a jury will be secured to try the case.

Notice.

1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas.
12-15-15L.

DEARTH IN STATE PEDAGOGY AND EXAMINATIONS CALLED

Texas is Reported Short on Teachers and State Superintendent Calls for Special Examinations.

On account of the shortage of teachers in various portions of the state of Texas, Miss Annie Webb Blanton, the state superintendent of public instruction, has announced that a special examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will be given on Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3.

Accordingly a special examination and intending applicants must notify the county superintendent at once in order that the examining board may be in attendance on January 2 and 3, the dates of the examinations.

Splendid Cough Medicine.

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

Ahuehete Camp W. O. W. Elects.

The following officers have been elected by Ahuehete Camp No. 2364, Woodmen of the World, of this city to serve for the ensuing year: Propicio Linares, consul commander. Rosendo Lozano, advisory lieutenant; Israel Cantu, banker; Ciro Martinez, clerk; Marin Ornelas, escort; A. A. Hinojosa, watchman; Santos Cantu, watchman; Dr. M. T. Leal, physician; Jose Ma. Lozano, Luis F. Martinez and Francisco Ramirez Velasquez, board of managers.

ONLY 5 DAYS TO SHOP



READ THE ADS

You're Sick! You're Tired! You're Nervous! Why?

To-day's call on the vitality is tremendous! Only those with strong nerves pull through with success! You need help! Something to renew wasted nerve tissues, put red corpuscles into your blood, and carry you through and "over the top." You need

SENSAPERSA

for this impaired condition. Stop the brain fog, the irritability, the nervous indigestion, the restless sleep, the tired and exhausted condition that is becoming habitual with you. Take Sensapersa for ten days and your nerve health should double, try it and see how health and energy will come back and put you in the front ranks. Two sizes, 50c. and \$1.00 at your Druggist or from City Drug Co.

EXPECTING A REAL GUSHER IN THE BENAVIDES FIELD

HAVE ORDERED TANKS AND ARE TO BUILD PIPE LINE AT ONCE.

Everything Indicates That the Empire Oil Co. is Holding Back a Big Stream of Oil in Duval County.

From an expert oil operator who has just arrived in Laredo from the scene of the Empire well near Benavides, Duval county, The Times learns that undoubtedly the Empire Co. have in prospect the biggest well ever brought in in Southern Texas—perhaps a gusher of a capacity of 1000 barrels or more per day.

Speaking of the activities in progress about the site of the well, this gentleman states that the company have large oil tanks en route to Benavides and are taking every precaution to guard the well and keep it from getting away from them before they are ready to turn it loose. The well has already been cemented and everything is in readiness to turn the well loose when the tanks are ready to receive the oil. Yesterday a preliminary survey for a pipe line from the well a distance of over a mile to the Texas-Mexican track was made and work on the pipe line will begin early in the new year—in fact the line is expected to be ready to convey the oil to the railroad tracks from the wells before February 1.

All this preparedness would indicate that oil in large volume has been struck at Benavides by the Empire Oil Co. and that this big oil concern is keeping things in hand until they are ready to bring in the first gusher in Southwest Texas—a well that will probably throw this entire section of Texas into a state of excitement similar to that which ensued after the bringing in of the first big gusher in the Burkburnett oil field. The Times is keeping in close touch with the developments at Benavides and will give the news of the prospective gusher as it is received.

FUNERAL WAS HELD TODAY AND IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Remains of Ruben Villareal, Who Died in This City Yesterday Forenoon, Took Place This Morning.

The funeral of Ruben Villareal, who died in this city yesterday forenoon following a long illness and a recent operation, took place from the home of the son-in-law of deceased, Matias de Llano, 1012 Salinas Avenue, to San Agustin Catholic church, this morning at 10 o'clock, the cortege being followed by a large number of place and the body was laid to rest. The grave was covered with beautiful floral tributes which had been sent to the Llano home by friends of the deceased.

The only son of Mr. Villareal arrived here this morning from Lampazos, Mexico, to attend the funeral. The following acted as the active pallbearers: Miguel Ferrara Volpe, Dr. C. M. Garza, Dr. M. Lozano Mejia, Carlos Garza Cantu, Luis Avila and Lic. Rodolfo Hinojosa.

LOCAL NEWS

—Notwithstanding the inclement weather, good crowds came out to take advantage of the bargains of the sale which will be in full force until December 24th at Goodman's Guarantee Shoe Store.

—Various Christmas entertainments are being arranged for the coming week by individuals and organizations in Laredo, and between next Monday and Wednesday nights Santa Claus will be kept busy and so will the little ones. And there are a lot of big ones who wait eagerly for Santa each year to put something in their stockings for them. However, he is on the way, so keep quiet.

—The rainy weather of the past few days has been general throughout Central and South Texas, according to reports received here, the misting rain being in evidence from the Central portion of Texas all the way to the Rio Grande border in several directions.

—The two motion picture playhouses have had some good feature plays on the past few nights, but due to the inclement weather the audiences that have witnessed the plays have been unusually limited, as people do not care to venture out at night to go to the "movies."

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: Two carloads of ixtle and one carload of hides.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Faustino Sanchez and Miss Pells Reyes, Wade Tredaway and Miss Maria Anna Urcullu.

—Numerous anxious queries still come by mail to The Times asking for the latest news regarding oil development work in Duval, Zapata and Webb counties. This information The Times is giving through the medium of its columns as fast as authentic advices can be received. Watch The Times for oil news!

TIMES WANT ADS.
Money Makers

ATTEMPT TO MURDER VISCOUNT FRENCH NEAR FAMOUS PHOENIX PARK IN DUBLIN

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland the Object of Attempt at Assassination While Driving Near Historical Spot Where Former Murder Committed—Civilian Killed and Policeman Wounded by Shots.

CALLED IT VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNMENT

PALMER SAID NO QUESTION OF SETTLEMENT BUT MEN COMPLIED WITH THE DEMANDS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 19.—The termination of the soft coal strike was not a settlement but a victory for the government, Attorney General Palmer told the senate sub-committee investigating the strike. "The government has won its fight," Mr. Palmer said; "there was no settlement in actuality. The men and union officers have complied with our demands and returned to work."

Miner and Operator Named.
Washington, Dec. 19.—John P. White, former president of the United Mine Workers, and Rembrandt Peale, an independent coal operator of Pennsylvania, will be named members of the commission of three which is to investigate wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry, according to unofficial reports. Peale and White assisted Harry A. Garfield during the war.

DENIKINE REPORTS IMPORTANT VICTORY

TOOK TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS WITH GUNS AND MACHINE GUNS IN VOLGA VALLEY.

By Associated Press.
Helsingfors, Dec. 19.—Denikine has gained an important victory between Tauritzin and Kamishan in the Volga valley, according to newspaper despatches. It is said he has taken 10,000 prisoners, five cannon and 25 machine guns.

Big Plot Discovered.
Helsingfors, Dec. 19.—The discovery of an anti-Bolshevik plot is reported in Petrograd. Nine hundred persons, including several French and English citizens, have been arrested, and 350 have been executed following a trial by a revolutionary tribunal.

To Settle Fiume Question.
Rome, Dec. 19.—A definite settlement of the Fiume question will be reached at the coming conference of premiers and foreign ministers of the allied nations, says the Giornale d'Italia.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:

Tonight generally fair; colder. Saturday generally fair.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 52 degs.
Max. temp. 59 degs.
General direction of wind: North-east.
Clear.

Chamberlain's Tablets.
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By Associated Press.

Dublin, Dec. 19.—An attempt was made at 1 o'clock this morning to assassinate Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord French was driving between the Ashton gate of Phoenix Park and the vice-regal lodge when the shot was fired. A civilian nearby was struck and nearly killed. A policeman was wounded at the same time. The vicount escaped the fate intended.

PRICE OF CLOTHING TO BE INVESTIGATED

CONFERENCE OF ALL FROM PRODUCER RAW MATERIAL TO DEALER IN FINISHED PRODUCT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference here in January of persons interested in the production of wearing apparel from the producer of raw materials to the consumer of the finished product. Calling of the conference was announced today by Assistant Attorney General Figg, who said it was planned to provide for the production of a standard quality of cloth and garments for sale at a reasonable price as an inducement to the public to check extravagance in purchasing.

CAMPANINI IS DEAD.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Riccardo Campanini, director general of the Chicago grand opera company, died of pneumonia this morning.

EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF LIQUOR CALLED

RAILROADS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT REFUSE TO HANDLE INTOXICATING LIQUOR AFTER TODAY.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—An embargo against the movement of intoxicating liquors by Southern railroads for export, effective at 12 o'clock tomorrow morning, was announced by the Southern export committee of the regional railroad administration here.

Poured Into Street.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Whiskey valued at \$20,000 taken in raids was poured into the street by Ray Hubbard, assistant attorney general for Kansas, today.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

A sail, crawling without a pause, would occupy fourteen days five hours to travel a mile.

The world's record of sugar plantations contains 13,000 acres, has 30 miles of railway, and employs 1,500 people.

The leaf of the Ceylon talipot palm, which grows to a hundred feet in height, is so wide that it will cover twenty men.

It is unlawful in Turkey to seizure a man's residence for debt, and sufficient land to support him is also exempt from seizure.

Christmas Trees.
Joe Barberio & Co., have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

12-15-9L.

Notice to Hunters.
Account existing conditions hunting in Jarra, Barrocito, Burritos, Tortuga and La Mota pastures will be detrimental to interests of owners of cattle therein, so will ask that no requests be made of me for hunting permits.

J. D. JENNINGS.
10-31-2m.

NON-PARTISAN GROUP TO PROVE QUESTION

AMERICANS AND MEXICANS TO SEEK CAUSES OF THE FRICTION BETWEEN THE NATIONS.

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 19.—Appointment of a non-partisan commission of Americans and Mexicans to investigate the causes of the present friction between the two nations will be urged by speakers at a mass-meeting in Carnegie Hall tonight. The call for the meeting was issued by a citizens' committee consisting of educators, churchmen, men and women prominent in civic movements and newspaper and magazine writers.

Accepted Nomination.
Washington, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Bonillas, it is said has cabled from Washington his acceptance of the presidential nomination tendered him by the Mexican National Civilian party and has asked the president of the organization for the political platform formulated for its candidate.

FORTY MEMBERS OF CREW ARE DROWNED

BRITISH STEAMSHIP MANXMAN REPORTED FOUNDERED IN MID-ATLANTIC YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—Forty-three members of the crew of the British steamship Manxman were drowned yesterday when the ship foundered in mid-ocean, according to a radio from the British steamship British Isles, picked up here today. The rest of the crew, numbering more than a dozen, have been picked up by the British Isles, due in New York Monday. Among those lost, the message said, were the captain, first mate, fourth engineer and wireless operators.

CAPT ALCOCK DEAD.

By Associated Press.
Rouen, France, Dec. 19.—Captain Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a non-stop flight across the Atlantic, died here this afternoon as the result of injuries received when his plane crashed yesterday near Cotteard, department of Seine Inférieure, Normandy.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary anniversary of the birth of Gen. James Clifford Veatch, who commanded a Federal brigade at Shiloh.

General Pershing and staff are scheduled to pay a visit of inspection today to Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich.

The commercial application of aerial navigation is to be given prominence in the sixth International Exposition of Aerial Locomotion, to be opened today in Paris.

Much interest centers in the special election to be held today in the Fifth Congressional district of Wisconsin to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor Berger, Socialist, who was elected at the November election in 1918. Berger again is a candidate of his party, and is opposed by Henry H. Bodensadt, who is running on the Republican ticket with the indorsement of the Democrats and Good Government League League.

Another Automobile Stolen.
The sheriff's department was last night advised of the theft of an automobile belonging to Antonio Salinas of the Two Laredos Store, which was stolen from in front of the establishment last evening about 6 o'clock. Officers immediately instituted a search for the car, which was a seven-passenger, but up to this morning had not located the car.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Circle A, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. C. C. Burr in the afternoon.

Circle D, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. F. H. Smith, 1220 Calhoun street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Carnival at K. of C. Hall, Fort McIntosh, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Friday.

The Blue Birds will meet with Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. A. C. Hamilton is expected home today from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Major and Mrs. Isaac Gill of Baltimore, Md., were expected in Laredo yesterday to be the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook.

Mr. H. G. DaCamara returned yesterday from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Weber and little son will arrive this week to be the guests of relatives for the holidays.

Victor Sauvignat will arrive the latter part of the week from Austin, to spend Christmas at home.

James Irwin will arrive from San Antonio to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Matthews and children will spend Christmas in Encinal, the guests of Judge and Mrs. Welhausen.

August Wormser will arrive in the city this week to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sadler left yesterday for New Orleans to spend Christmas with relatives.

Keenan Young, a student at the A. & M., will be among the Christmas visitors in the city.

Miss Margaret Hazelrigg will arrive from San Antonio this week for the holidays.

Announcements.

The Child's Welfare League of the Seventh grade will not hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon on account of the holiday rush.

International Institute.

On last Saturday afternoon there was organized at the International Institute a permanent committee consisting of representatives elected by the various classes belonging to the institute. This committee was formed in order that there might be a way to put into action the willingness so often and so generously expressed by patrons to help in the various undertakings of the institute. At the meeting last Saturday Miss Sturges, the director of the institute, submitted to the committee for their decision the question of the disposal of the fund raised by patrons of the institute last August in a Jamaica. This Jamaica was given during the absence of Miss Sturges and although proper authorization was secured for the undertaking it was not understood that the institute makes it a principle to help raise funds for the various needs of the community before raising funds for itself. Miss Sturges therefore suggested to the committee that this fund be divided between the orphanage and the hospital of the Associated Charities. The committee unanimously voted that this be done and accordingly thirty dollars has been given to each. A member of the committee then suggested that this Christmas giving be augmented by a collection of clothing and toys. As the institute was unwilling to call on the merchants for this, since there are so many calls at Christmas time, the ladies voted instead to solicit personally and not as representing the institute. The institute is glad to co-operate with the ladies who have undertaken this good work in whatever way they may recommend. The institute Ford is at the disposal of the ladies for collecting the toys and clothing used or new which are offered and phone messages may be left at the institute for the committee. The institute phone is 1517.

Christmas Party.

When Mrs. W. E. McDavitt entertained for her club, the Friday Bridge Club, she named Misses Esther Hirsch of Laredo and Julia Burns of San Antonio honorees. A number of guests were invited and the club developed into a beautiful party of eight tables.

Mrs. McDavitt was the first to her

ald the Christmas season and her always attractive home was made very beautiful with Christmas decorations. Tall red tapers burned brightly and shed a merry glow over the pretty scene of Christmas cheer. The wonderfully beautiful poinsettia, the Christmas flower, was effectively used about the rooms, in the game accessories and formed the corsage of the charming honorees. Plum pudding, accompanied by salted nuts, in tiny crystal baskets was the Christmas refreshments served.

Crystal baskets in sets of four were attractively put up in Christmas packages tied with red ribbons and poinsettias, were the souvenirs of the afternoon and were awarded to Mrs. L. S. Grider for high club score, Miss Frances Grider for the guests, and to each of the charming honorees.—Brownsville Herald.

Condren-Nelson.

A wedding of much beauty took place last evening at seven o'clock when Marguerite, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson, was given in marriage to Captain George D. Condren, United States Army, Rev. Charles W. Cook officiating. Christ Episcopal Church, endeared to the bride through earliest association, presented a lovely scene in its decorations of Southern moss, pink La France roses and palms. The wainscoting in the nave of the church was softly draped in gray moss. Each window, with sill banked in moss and holding a crystal vase filled with pink La France rose buds and fern, was outlined in the tall stately leaves of the date palm, while tubs of large fan palms were used in the foreground of the rood screen. The pews held clusters of La France roses and fern thrust through wreaths of moss. The rood screen was outlined at the top with deep hued rose waxen tapers which shed a glow over the delicate tracery of moss used on the screen, the arches of which were outlined in palm branches. A long-handled white Dresden basket filled with exquisite full blown La France roses and feathery fern, swung by long rose colored tulle streamers over the steps leading to the choir. The steps were flanked on either side by immense jardinières of sword fern placed on moss draped pedestals and the soft silken folds of the American flag fell from an arch of the rood screen, while the regimental colors of the groom were carried by a military escort, who presented arms as the bride and groom passed.

The altar, banked with lacy fern with a background of long fronds of sword fern, was chaste in its decorations of white carnations, and ablaze with burning wax tapers in candlesticks.

Before the hour set for the service when with Mrs. Flora Dilgarde Anderson at the pipe organ: "Springtime Sketch" Brewer "Romance" Debusay "Serenade" Lemare.

The vested choir then entered to Paulkes "Marche Nuptiale" and as the bridal party entered the choir sang the wedding hymn.

The ushers, Captain Zupann, Albert Martin, Lawrence Nelson and Robert Muller, entered first, followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Albert Martin, a sister of the bride, beautiful in pale pink satin made with bodice of heavily embroidered silver lace, the skirt draped with a role of delicate blue satin caught at the waist line with blue ostrich; with this was worn silver slippers and a hair ornament of blue ostrich. The maid of honor, Miss Anita Johnson of Flatonia, then followed, charming in a gown of blue taffeta, made with a front panel of white tulle and silver ribbons, with a bodice of silver lace. A hair ornament of pink asch and silver ribbon, and silver slippers completed the dainty costume. Both attendants carried lovely sprays of pink Killarney roses tied with pink tulle. The bride then entered on the arm of her father, and was met at the chancel by the groom and his best man, Lieutenant Snider. The bride, one of Laredo's fairest daughters, was lovely in her wedding gown of heavy Duchesse satin, a Petilla model, made without train, thereby accentuating her petite girlish type of beauty. The skirt was shirred in at the bottom and tiny bows of satin caught feathery sprays of ostrich all over the skirt; the waist was also trimmed with the ostrich and the flowing sleeves of tulle were ornamented in pearl. The short veil made with a coronet of real lace, worn many years ago by members of the family in England, was caught to the coiffure with tiny sprays of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses and fern with a shower of valley lilies. Her only ornament was a platinum and diamond dinner ring, the gift of the groom. After the plighting of their troth, Mr. Edwin B. Adams, tenor, sang most delightfully, "The Garden Of Your Heart," by Dorel, and during the remainder of the ceremony, Bachelet's wedding music was softly played, the bridal party leaving the church to Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Capt. and Mrs. Condren were escorted by the Machine Gun Company, mounted, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin in Houston Street where a reception was held. Villar's orchestra playing throughout the reception hour. The beautiful home needs but little adornment to enhance its charms, but the drawing room was a bower of pink La France roses and fern, and the doorways and windows in both drawing room and library were hung with moss and

branches of mistletoe. In the drawing room Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin received with Captain and Mrs. Condren. In charge of Mrs. Mabel Cogley Barlow and Mrs. Robert Muller, while the punch table, lovely in red roses and fern, was also placed here; over this presided Mrs. Hugh Chuck, Mrs. M. T. Cogley, Misses Mackin, Johnson and Ruth Murphy. The library was attractive in moss draped mantel and book cases, with clusters of scarlet berries and carnations lending a gay note of color. In the dining room, where a buffet supper was served, were Mesdames G. C. Woodman, Jos. Martin, H. Keller, Misses L. Martin, H. MacGregor, and K. MacGregor. Mrs. C. C. Shiner having charge of the cutting of the wedding cake.

The decorations in the dining room were in green and white, white carnations, brides roses and fern being used. The table, laid in Chumy, held as a centerpiece, the wedding cake embossed in roses and elaborately ornamented, encircled in a cloud of delicate green tulle, with long stemmed white carnations and sprays of fern scattered over the cloth. Silver and crystal candlesticks holding white tapers surrounded the cake and silver bud vases holding white carnations were used in the table decorations. Captain and Mrs. Condren left on the evening train for New Orleans and Palm Beach.

The officers of Captain Condren's regiment had the 37th Infantry Band at the station and many friends were there to bid the bride and groom good speed. Mrs. Condren wore a handsome coat suit of brown silvertone trimmed in beaver; with this was worn a blouse of printed Georgette in tones of blue and gold, and a chic hat to match, other accessories were in brown to match the costume.

Captain and Mrs. Condren will be at home in Fort McIntosh after January fifteenth.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Today is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Prince Rupert of the Rhine, famous in history as "the Mad Cavalier."

The President and Mrs. Wilson will observe their fourth wedding anniversary today.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, eminent clergyman, author, and editor, today enters upon his eighty-fifth year.

Detroit has made elaborate preparations for the reception and entertainment of General Pershing and his staff, who are to visit that city today.

The Southern Alluvial Land Association, which aims at the reclamation of the lower Mississippi Valley, will meet in annual session today at Memphis.

Members of the Dominion Railway Commission, following a series of hearings throughout Canada on the subject of the proposed increase in telegraph rates, will return to Ottawa today for a final hearing.

WAR MADE AFRICAN HUNTING BETTER.

A Frenchman from one of the colonies writes that, due to the suspension of hunting in Africa for the last five years, wild beasts abound in all parts and one has only to remain in one place long enough to have a whole menagerie pass before his gun. Along the valley of the Niger this hunter found the partridges so thick that the natives were killing them by spearing into the thick flocks which flew up on every side.

Next a herd of wild boars ran past, then elephants came to the banks of the river, and their large numbers disturbed a panther which, upon leaping up a rocky part of the shore, sent eagles soaring into the sky. When another large bird was shot at while flying overhead it dropped an enormous fish it has been carrying and escaped unharmed. And all this game the hunter saw in less than 60 minutes!

WOMAN JOURNALIST OF CHINA



Miss Soumi Ching, one of China's leading journalists, who has come to America to lecture to the Chinese in this country. She is one of the best-informed women in the empire and represented a large group of Chinese journals and syndicates at the Paris peace conference.

Expect to Uncover Treasures.

Mullingar, capital of County Westmeath, Ireland, is on the tip-toe of excitement because of a hunt for treasure trove. Gold coins of great size have been found in an old passage way discovered under a field. They bear inscriptions of currency "that undoubtedly have Ogham origin." Ogham inscriptions are found only on ancient monuments in Ireland and other Celtic countries. Their origin is wrapped in mystery. Cooking utensils have also been found. They are of material far better than that used in these out-of-date times. But this is only a beginning. The passage has just recently been struck by workmen carrying out excavations for drainage. There are strong indications that treasure trove and valuable antiquities lead to an earthen fortification.

Baby Always Star Performer.

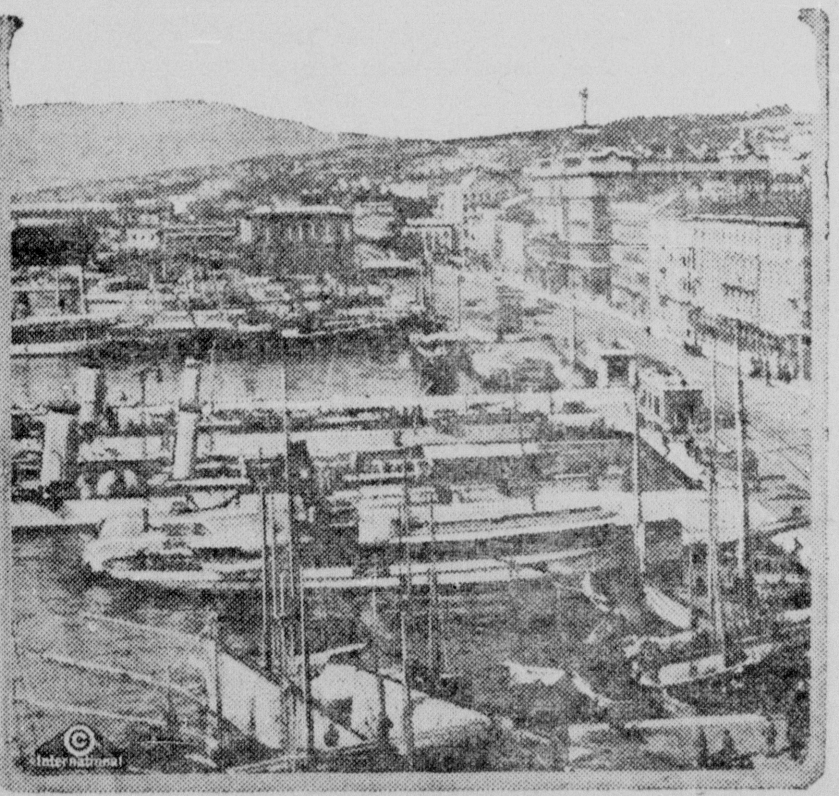
Every member of the family with the exception of the growing boy will sometimes wake up in the middle of the night, but none of the others can get as wide awake as baby.

DR. ABBOTT'S SOLUTION.

New York, Dec. 18.—Topsy turvy as the world may now appear the problem which have brought about the present unrest will right themselves in time and the conditions surrounding life in this mundane sphere will be better than ever before—such is the optimistic forecast of Dr. Lyman Abbott, the veteran clergyman, author, and editor, who today entered upon his eighty-fifth year.

Dr. Abbott believes the problem of political economy is to seek a more equitable distribution of wealth rather than to promote a larger accumulation of wealth, and that social reform calls for a recognition of partnership relations between capital and labor and the extension of the industrial function of government. He also holds that the principles and spirit of Jesus Christ applied to social problems would furnish their solution.

D'ANNUNZIO'S NAVY IN HARBOR OF FIUME



Italian warships now under the command and control of Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio, "dictator" of Fiume. The ships' officers and crews joined with the Italian troops occupying the disputed city in placing themselves under the guidance of the poet-aviator.

CONGRESS WILL PARE DOWN ESTIMATES FOR 1920 IN VEIN OF STRICT ECONOMY

Leader Mondell Told House that Liabilities of Government are Three Billions More than Income for the Year—Greatest Reductions will be Made in Estimates for Army and for Fortifications.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK ALARMED MEXICANS

COMING ON DAY WHEN END OF WORLD PREDICTED IT CAUSED EXCITEMENT AMONG PEOPLE.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—Earthquake shocks at 6 o'clock last night caused some excitement among the people, following numerous reports that the end of the world was due. No damage resulted, although the shocks were more severe than commonly felt in Mexico City.

Mexican Reply Received.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mexico's reply to the last American note in the Jenkins case was received today at the state department.

FIVE THOUSAND JEWS KILLED IN POGROMS

MONTENEGRS RESIST SERBIAN OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND FIGHT.

By Associated Press.

Berne, Dec. 18.—Reports of a fresh wave of pogroms in districts of the Ukraine occupied by Denikine's forces are printed by the Lemberg newspaper Gazette Wiscrowska, according to Lemberg advices. The newspaper declares 5,000 Jews were killed in Yekaterinoslav alone.

Rejects Serbian Occupation.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Fierce fighting by the Montenegrin people against the Serbian occupation occurred around Cetinje between Dec. 1 and 12, is declared in the official communique from the foreign ministry of the Montenegrin government, the seat of which is in a suburb of Paris. The statement asserts that Serbians placed women and children in front of them to prevent the Montenegrins defending themselves.

HOPE TO DEFEAT BERGER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—Probably no election in any single congressional district in the United States has ever attracted such widespread attention as is centered in the special election to be held tomorrow in the Fifth Wisconsin district to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor Berger, Socialist, who was elected at the November election in 1918, and who subsequently was convicted and sentenced to prison for alleged violation of the Espionage act.

Berger is again the nominee of the Socialists and is expected to receive the full support of his party. The district is the home of many workmen who in the past have supported the Socialist ticket. In this district also live many members of the Lutheran church, the great majority of them of German birth or parentage. In the past the most of these have been counted as Republicans, but in the war election of last year they are said to have supported Berger.

In a three-cornered fight the Socialists probably would have a plurality of the votes. To prevent this, the Republicans, Democrats and Good Government League have joined forces for the election. The candidate upon whom the three elements have united is Henry H. Rodenstab, a former State senator. He will run on the Republican ticket and his supporters appear confident of his election.

A Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department and others who assisted during the fire at our store this morning, and whose efforts resulted in saving the store and building from destruction. The work was fast, efficient and well done.

SANTARY GROCERY.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations for 1921 will be pared down in accordance with the strictest economy except the postoffice and naval department estimates, which are less than for the present year. Majority Leader Mondell told the house when the first urgent deficiency bill of this session was brought up. The greatest reductions would be made in the army and fortifications estimates, he said, the former request totalling \$982,800,020 and the latter \$117,793,320, and increase of more than \$106,000,000 over the present appropriation. The balance of the estimated liabilities over receipts, Mr. Mondell said, is \$3,050,508,574. Total receipts for the year, he said, are \$603,585,000.

GREETED THE WARDEN.

By Associated Press.

Rawlins, Wyo., Dec. 18.—"Hello, Bill!" and "Hello, Cap!" were the greetings exchanged between Warden Brine and William Carlisle when the latter returned to the state penitentiary today.

TO RECOVER MONEY IMPROPERLY SPENT

COMMITTEE ALLEGES OVERCHARGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee appointed to investigate public buildings constructed during the war under the supervision of the United States housing commission recommended to the senate today that steps be taken to recover the money which it is charged was improperly paid for work done for the corporation. Should persons and corporations receiving alleged overcharges refuse to make voluntary restitution, the committee recommended that civil action be instituted by the government.

INVESTIGATE FIRE THAT COST MILLION

EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY CAUSED FIRE THAT DESTROYED BUILDING IN PICATINNY ARSENAL.

By Associated Press.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the spectacular fire which swept a part of the Picatinny arsenal following an explosion in the research laboratory last night were made the subject of an official investigation by army officers today. Four buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at a million dollars.

DOESN'T WANT SURPLUS WOMEN.

The British Mission, which is trying to transplant some of the surplus English women to the colonies where there is a dearth of women, is meeting with considerable opposition in Australia. Australia points out that all of her activity is required to repatriate her returned soldiers, and she has not the time to dispose of and settle cargoes of strange women. The British Mission urges in return that there is plenty of land and a surplus of men in the colonies and the most pressing necessity before the nation is to increase the population so diminished by the war.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

DECEMBER 18.
United States troops occupied Colibenz bridgehead.
Announcement of President Wilson's intention to visit London.
Pope, in letter, appealed to the Peace Conference to aid the small nations.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO CONTINUE FOR WEEK

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE CUMMINS RAILROAD BILL PASSED BEFORE HOLIDAY RECESS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Night sessions in the senate, the leaders said today, probably would be continued in an effort to have the Cummins railroad bill passed before the holiday recess.

To Choose Martin's Successor.
Washington, Dec. 18.—A call for a conference of Democratic senators Saturday to select a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia was issued today by Senator Hitchcock, who is contesting with Senator Underwood for the place.

NEW YORK FLIRTING WITH ZERO WEATHER

COLDEST DECEMBER DAY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND FIRST

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 18.—The mercury played hide and seek with the zero mark today. Giving New York the first touch of real winter weather and the coldest December day in two years.

PACKERS TO QUIT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Negotiations between the meat packers and the government it became known today have been going on for some time with the object of compromising the anti-trust prosecution which is still in the stage of grand jury investigation. It is understood one of the plans considered is the withdrawal of the packers from side lines such as the wholesale grocery business.

"BACKYARD" AIRPLANE.

Invention of a reversible propeller for airplanes is heralded as a great step ahead in making the flying machine available for general public use. At present one of its disadvantages is that much clear space is required for landing and starting. If the machine is to become successor to the automobile, it must have something of the motor car's flexibility and adaptability. Starting and stopping on restricted area is a prime requisite. But the new invention is said to permit stopping within 50 feet of distance. Should it be possible to "take off" in a similarly reasonable amount of room, the "backyard" airplane may be in reach. Machines are now made with so limited a spread of wings that they may be landed or started from a country lane. Maybe the visions portrayed by cartoonists and others who like to poke fun at people will be brought to pass, and we will soon see the heavens filled with fleets of flying machines, darting hither and thither as their drivers fancy. It will be a welcome day for the man who travel afoot.—Omaha Bee.

FROM HERE AND THERE.

Envelopes first came into use in 1839.
The original name for Canada was New France.
Australia has nearly 300,000 acres of untouched forests.
One-sixth of the world's supply of quinine is consumed in India.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

Silver is the earliest currency mentioned in the Scriptures.
New York City has one lawyer for every 250 of its inhabitants.
Suicidal tendency is three times as pronounced in men as in women.
The Province of Manitoba reaches its semi-centennial in May of next year.
Only seven metals were known in the days of Columbus. There are now more than fifty in use.

THE POSADAS.

There are few of the Laredo residents, excepting perhaps those who have just recently come to the border, who are not familiar with the beautiful Mexican custom of the "posadas," the shrines which make of each house an inn for the Infant Jesus.

It is probable that the custom was originated in the early days of Christian teaching in Mexico, when the wise old fathers taught by example as much as by precept, and when object lessons were made much use of in order that even the most ignorant might understand the doctrines of Christianity as set forth in the miracle plays and other methods of instruction.

The humblest form of "posada" is that where the representation of the manager with the humble beasts standing in apparent adoration of the infant Jesus forms the shrine, before which candles are burning, and at which the worshippers kneel and pray that the house may be an inn for the reception of the Divine Child and His mother.

Thus it was that the priests set forth to the unlettered the story of the Divine made human; the rude stable excavated from the rock, with its equally rude mangers where the beast made room for the birth of the Saviour, "because there was no room for them in the inn."

The inns of that time were primitive affairs, much like those of the present day. An enclosure within which the camels, horses and donkeys might be driven, with one side of the quadrangle filled with little cubicles in which the guests might shelter from storms. The food was cooked in the open, and only the sick or infirm made use of the sheltering roof, the others sleeping with the stars for night lights and the sky for a roof.

Yet even this humble shelter was denied Mary and Joseph, and they were forced to take refuge in the stable, which was by no means as unusual as it might seem to our Western eyes.

It is doubtful if we who learn our Bible lessons from the printed word, with more or less crudely executed engravings to illustrate the text, have ever had the lessons of the Scriptures brought home to us as have those who first heard the story of the miraculous birth of the Saviour from the lips of those devoted friars and the surroundings.

In Laredo years some of the "posadas" have been elaborate in the design and execution. No expense was spared to make them beautiful and at the same dignified in their appeal to the devotional sense. But of late years the custom has not been so widely observed, save among the poorer people, and it is for this reason that there are many here who have never seen this strikingly beautiful custom in all its religious appeal to the people, and for some years the stranger in our midst only knows vaguely of the custom through seeing the lights displayed outside the houses and through hearing of them to them—novel idea of making an inn of each house.

As is usually the case, the revival of the custom is due to the devout women and young women of the community. They see not only the beauty but the devotion expressed in this quaint and little known custom, and they feel the call to observe it as their forefathers did when New Spain was still unknown save in name to the greater part of the world.

And so the lights before the houses will not be confined to those of the humbler class, but will include many of the more pretentious residences, and the shrines will gleam in gold and silver, bright with candles and full of color from draperies, as in years past.

To the Mexican of the interior a Christmas tree would be a novelty that would excite comment. But the "posadas" is to him the true way of celebrating the Advent of the Lord—the opening of heart and home to the One who in later years said "The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." And the devotion which prompts this offer differs widely from the spirit that welcomes Christmas as the time of gifts.

SUGAR CONTROL.

The news that congress has passed the bill continuing government control of sugar for another year, merely the details remaining to be settled, will gratify everybody except the sugar trust.

The wholesale and retail dealers want the government control to continue in order that profiteering may be prevented and that honest dealers may be protected by the penalties held over the heads of the dishonest.

The public want sugar controlled because that is the only way a sugar famine may be prevented and an uncertainty as to supply be removed, giving everybody assurance of a certain quantity available everywhere throughout the country, with neither a shortage nor a surplus at any time.

It is true that the profit permitted to both wholesale and retail dealers is very small, but the fact is that the grocerymen have long since given up the idea of dealing in sugar because it is profitable. They carry it in the way that a cigar store supplies free lights to its customers; it is an accommodation for those who buy other things.

There is every prospect of our seeing...

curing sufficient sugar to supply our real needs. We may not have any to waste, and the enforced rationing of our people during the past two years or more, with the certainty that it will continue for another year, will teach us all lessons of economy.

One thing the government control will do to sugar, and that is stabilize the price. There has been much fluctuation since the European war began, and recently the price jumped to unheard of heights. Not since the Civil War had we paid such a price for sugar, and the humble brown sugar brought more than the finest granulated used to.

But most of this fluctuation was due to the uncertainty on the part of the refiners as to the continuance of government control. Naturally the trust would like to reassume control of the sugar market, and the independent must follow suit or be put out of business.

But the certainty that the government is going to continue control will reassure everybody, from the producer of the raw article to the ultimate purchaser. The dealers do not care what the price is, so long as they know there is only a certain margin of profit permitted. It may not be enough to more than cover the overhead, but it is the same for all.

And the consumer is better satisfied to know that the price is fixed. It may be more than he has paid in the past, but he knows it is the same everywhere—at least, considering the distance from market and the cost of transportation—and he feels satisfied that no one will be allowed to "hog" it all and let some go without.

The candy manufacturers, the canners and preservers and others who use sugar in quantities will hope for some latitude in amounts permitted to be purchased, and yet they realize that the people must be served first—the manufacturers afterwards.

Government control of the sugar industry is better than government monopoly. There is no inducement under government control to increase the price, while a government monopoly is always subject to the insinuation that someone is "getting his" out of the manipulation.

When sugar production throughout the world is once more normal there will be little reason to exercise government control of the business, for competition and the natural law of supply and demand will keep the price within the reach of all.

Depreciated currency in some countries, unemployment, failure to plant and lack of transportation have all price of sugar, even without the abnormal demand for sugar caused by the war and the uneven distribution due to the necessity of keeping up the morale of the soldiers.

But after all, 22c sugar is no worse than 75c butter and eggs, and it appears to have a far better foundation. And if the government would exercise as strict a control of dairy products as it has over sugar, a material reduction in prices might follow.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 17.

Ex-Prince Joachim, the youngest of the six sons of the former German Kaiser, born at Potsdam, 29 years ago today.

William Lyon Mackenzie King, the new leader of the Canadian Liberal party, born at Kitchener, Ont., 43 years ago today.

Dr. Pierre Roux for many years Director of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, born 66 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Richard ("Fighting Dick") Wainwright, U. S. N., retired, born in Washington, D. C., 70 years ago today.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, widely known as a worker in good government and other public welfare movements, born in Philadelphia, 51 years ago today.

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ENERGY
TO THE BUSINESS MAN & WOMAN
HEALTH
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POLL TAX PAYMENTS SLOW BUT BE BRISKER SHORTLY

Municipal, County, District, State and National Elections To Be Held Next Year; Get Your Poll Tax.

While the payment of poll taxes is slow at this time, due probably to the holidays, those interested in voting at the numerous elections to be held next year—municipal, county, district, state and national—had better get busy immediately and get out their county and city poll tax receipts in order to be enabled to exercise the rights of American citizens at the polls next year.

Next April Laredo will hold a municipal election, when a mayor and all other city officials, including a board of aldermen will be elected, later the board of school trustees will be elected and, in November, every officer from president down to constable will be elected. But unless voters otherwise qualified hold city and county poll tax receipts they are no better off than Chinamen when it comes to voting on election day. Get your poll taxes before it is too late—January 31, 1920, is the last day on which you can get them.

Masonic Notice.
Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M. tonight at 7:30 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend.
FRITZ WERNER, W. M.

CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL IN DISTRICT COURT TODAY
In First Case Called, That of Violation of Automobile Regulations, Plea of Guilty, 15 Days in Jail.

The cases on the criminal docket set for trial by District Attorney John A. Valls are being taken up in district court here, the first cases being called this morning in the order in which they are set for trial. A jury was empaneled this morning and will sit in cases which do not require special venues, or until the end of the present week, and another jury will be sworn in next week.

The first case called this morning was that of Lino Torres, charged with violation of the automobile laws. Torres pleaded guilty to the charges preferred against him and was given fifteen days in the county jail.

The case of Emilio Rodriguez, who is charged with violation of the automobile law, is on trial before a jury.

Attention Knights Templar!
Meeting of the Laredo Chapter, No. 1, on Monday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p. m. Sojourning Sir Knights cordially invited.
By Order of Eminent Commander,
W. H. MIMS, Recorder.

RECORDING OF OIL LEASES CONTINUES IN WEBB COUNTY
Nearly Every Day Leases for Oil and Gas Rights in Some Portion of County Are Filed for Record.

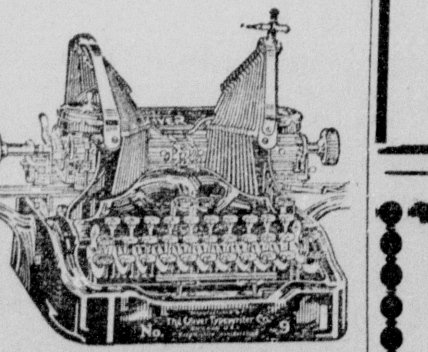
Six more prospect leases for oil and gas rights in Webb county were filed for record today with the county clerk by the Imperial Oil & Development Co., of Cisco, Texas, which holds valuable leases in this section. Nearly every day leases are being filed for record in Webb county by parties securing leases on land here for the purpose of prospecting for oil and gas. At this time there are several hundred thousand acres of Webb county land under lease for oil and gas prospect work by oil concerns and individuals from all sections of the United States.

Christmas Trees.
Joe Barberio & Co., have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

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LOCAL NEWS
—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of ixtle, three carloads of lead and one carload of beer.
—Horner's Pharmacy is temporarily located at 1217 Farragut street, in the Elk's building next to Electric & Ry. Co's office.
—Before purchasing your Christmas candy see the special mixed candy at Laredo Candy Co.
—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Francisco F. Najera and Miss Sarah Rodriguez, Andres Guevara and Miss Refugio Aguirre, George D. Condren and Miss Marguerite Nelson.
—To save money buy your high class jewelry at the Laredo Music and Jewelry Co.
—For something real palatable call at Kennedy's delicatessen department at the Sanitary Grocery. Phones 666 and 665.
—The county commissioners' court, after a short special session, during which routine business was transacted and salaries of officers fixed for the ensuing year, adjourned yesterday.
—Special price of 30c a pound for homemade French Christmas mixed candy at Pappas.
—Dressmaking, Mrs. A. M. Horner, 1602 Washington street, phone 1179.
—Only one week now until Christmas Day, which means that the remaining seven days will have crowded into them many activities by Christmas shoppers and fond parents providing for that stocking that shall not be empty on Christmas morning. Are you going to help make some little kiddo besides your loved ones happy on Christmas Day?
—Laredo Barber Supply Co. 516 Flores avenue. Phone 1126. We sharpen safety razor blades, razors and scissors.
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—Many an old gobbler finds himself confined to close quarters these days "eating his foot head off" so as to be fat and tender for execution a day or two before Christmas. There are a lot of turkeys this season for his Christmas dinner has been able to get one—but do not mis-construe the meaning, for turkeys are not being given away.
—All kinds of fancy boxes and candy canes at Pappas for Christmas.
—We do all kinds of plumbing work, gas fitting and sewer work. Also making and repairing cess pools. For quick service phone 1263 day and night. B. Juarez, plumber.
—I buy and sell anything from a pin to a locomotive; this includes farms and ranches. J. L. Perras, 302 Farragut street.
—Quite a number of Laredo people will be leaving here the early part of next week bound for some distant city to spend Christmas with relatives. On the other hand, many former Laredo people residing elsewhere will come back to this city to spend the holidays with relatives here.
—The Belmont Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1917.
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MANY PRELATES TO CELEBRATE.

New York, Dec. 16.—During the coming year many prelates of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, including cardinals, archbishops, bishops and those of lesser rank, will celebrate their sacerdotal or episcopal jubilees and other milestones marking their career in the church.

Heading the list of celebrants will be the venerable Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, who on June 30 will enter upon his sixtieth year in the priesthood and on the same day will begin his thirty-fifth year as a wearer of the crimson robe and insignia of a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

Only a few years behind the venerable Baltimore prelate in point of service in the priesthood is the Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, bishop of Sioux Falls, who on November 5 will reach the fifty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

Two bishops of the church will celebrate their sacerdotal golden jubilee during the year. They are Bishop Schwebach of La Crosse and Bishop Eis of Marquette, both of whom were ordained half a century ago.

Bishop Kondelka of Superior, Bishop Beaven of Springfield, Mass., and Bishop Burke of St. Joseph, Mo., will celebrate their forty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood.

On May 22 Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, bishop of Cleveland, and Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban, bishop of Scranton, will complete forty years in the priesthood. Later in the year a similar anniversary will be observed by Rt. Rev. John J. Monahan, head of the Wilmington, Del. diocese.

Among the prelates who will celebrate their thirty-fifth ordination anniversary during the year are Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, and Bishops Donahue of Wheeling, Lillis of Kansas City, McDevitt of Harrisburg, and Lawler of Lead, S. Dak.

The thirtieth anniversary of their ordination will be celebrated by Most Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia; Rt. Rev. Cornelius Van de Ven, bishop of Alexandria, La., and Rt. Rev. John E. Guna, bishop of Natchez.

The Most Rev. George W. Mundelein, archbishop of Chicago, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on June 8. Other prelates who will observe their silver jubilee in the priesthood are Bishop of Cheyenne and Bishop McGrath of Baker City.

Bishop Lynch of Dallas Bishop Walsh of Trenton will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their ordination.

In June the Rt. Rev. Benjamin J. Alving, bishop of Savannah and in November the Rt. Rev. Herman J. Alving will complete his second decade of service as head of the diocese of Fort Wayne.

During the year the following prelates will round out ten years of service at the head of their respective dioceses: Bishop O'Donohue of Louisville, Heffron of Winona, Corbett of Crookston, O'Reilly of Fargo, Nilan of Hartford, Rice of Burlington, Vt., and Wehrle of Bismarck, N. Dak.

Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, whose name has been frequently mentioned of late in connection with the cardinalate, will complete five years as head of the Chicago archdiocese on Dec. 9.

In October the Rt. Rev. Anthony J. Schuler will round out five years of service as bishop of the El Paso diocese.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

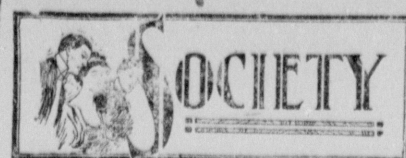
Prepared for The Times by the First National Bank in St. Louis.

In October the gold money stock of the United States decreased for the fourth consecutive month standing at \$2,872,525,966, the lowest point since January, 1917, when the total was \$2,864,841,650. The gold holdings reached their highest point on record in May, 1917, at \$3,121,887,443, so that the stock on November 1, 1919, showed a decrease of \$249,362,377 from the record figure.

The drop in gold holdings has continued since last July notwithstanding the balance of trade is favorable to this country by many hundreds of millions of dollars. This is due to the fact that the European nations which are heavily in the debt of this country are unable to pay off the adverse trade balances in gold, while the United States is shipping gold to the countries where the balance of trade is against us. In the case of the European countries their inability to settle in gold and the delay in securing large loans here has resulted in new low levels in foreign exchange, including the pound sterling, the French franc and Italian lire.

For the first nine months of 1919 imports of gold into the United States were \$56,253,945 and exports \$225,921,523, an excess of exports over imports of \$169,667,578.

With the death of ex-Empress Eugenie, now in her ninety-fourth year, her namesake and favorite, Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain, is expected to inherit what is said to be one of the finest private collections of jewels in the world.



Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Society Editor
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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Heights Civic Club will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and business meeting.

Wednesday.
Condren-Nelson wedding will take place at Christ Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

My Own Work.

This is my work; my blessing, not my doom.

Let me do my work from day to day

In field or forest, at the desk or loom,

In roaring market place or tranquil room;

Let me but find it in my heart to say,

When vagrant wishes beckon me astray.

"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;

Of all who live, I am the only one by whom

The work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small.

To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;

Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,

And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall.

At eventide, to play and love and rest,

Because I know for me my work is best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

General Mention.

Mrs. McNabb, wife of Capt. McNabb of the Aviation Corps, left last night for San Antonio and will be at Kelly Field, quarters 67-E. Capt. McNabb was recently transferred to Kelly Field for duty.

Mrs. R. L. Sutton returned on Sunday from Missouri, where she visited her daughter.

Mrs. Ruby Campbell is able to be at home again, after a recent operation at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Keithley returned Sunday from a pleasant two weeks' visit to her sister in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pugh have taken the Hiatt cottage on the Heights.

Mr. J. P. Byrne, who was here in the immigration service, has been transferred to El Paso. His wife and children will leave tomorrow for El Paso to join him.

Mrs. M. M. Garcia returned yesterday from a short stay in San Antonio.

Mr. A. R. Vidaurri and little son returned on Sunday from San Antonio.

Mr. John Holman of San Antonio was among the visitors in Laredo on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Floyd have moved their residence from the Heights to 916 Salinas avenue.

Mrs. Clara Mackin went to Encinal the latter part of last week for a short stay with Mrs. Weihausen.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Binks expect to leave Saturday for Chicago to spend Christmas with his father.

Mr. W. C. Tipples left last night for his home in Baxley, Georgia, having received his discharge from the army.

Mr. Sam Johnson will arrive home tomorrow from college to spend the holidays.

Rev. A. F. Beddoe returned yesterday from Houston, where he attended the meeting of the Texas Baptist Association.

Announcements.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church have discontinued their weekly meetings until after the holidays.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Circle C. of the W. M. U. of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. F.

H. Smith at 1220 Callahan street on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Ladies Aid Sale.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church held a sale of fancy articles, cakes, pies and candy on Saturday at Stowers' store which was a success in every way, as \$120 was cleared.

Entertainment.

Mrs. Agnes Huberich was hostess at a delightful party yesterday afternoon when she entertained the members of the Nullos Club and other guests. Roses, daisies and potted ferns were used in decoration, giving to the rooms a most festive appearance. In the games of bridge played the club prize, an attractive embroidered tray cover with crocheted ends, was won by Mrs. L. J. Christen. The guest prize, a crocheted yoke, was won by Mrs. H. D. Shelby. A two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames McComb, Christen, Turner and J. S. Penn; guests—Mesdames McKinney, Cogley, Young, Gunport, Shelby, Mally, Boniger and Miss Eva Levi.

B. R. D. A. Entertained.
Miss Louise Dickinson entertained the members of the B. R. D. A. Club and other guests yesterday afternoon. Lotto was played, and candy, crackers and peanuts were served. Those present were: Mesdames L. Y. Dickinson, E. Barrera, C. M. de la Garza, and Enrique Benavides; Misses Amalia Garcia, Cuquita and Alicia Zuniga, Maria and Lilia Garza, Marina Avila, Estela Garza, Nene Peña, Amelia Gonzalez, Consuelo Saenz, Amelia Lachica, Melitona Villareal, Lilia Yzaguirre, Raquel Erhardt, Clotilde Saldana and Lilia Sanchez; Messrs. Ignacio Saldana, Pablo Martinez, Jose Gonzalez, Lauro Rodriguez, Rafael Vidaurri, Cuco Benavides, Antonio Erhardt, Eduardo and Adolfo Gonzalez, Meme Feuille, Ricardo Reyna, William and Gregory Dickinson.

For the Poor Children.
Headed by Miss Teresa R. Lacroix, a committee composed of Misses Dolores Bobadilla, Carmen G. Martinez and Maria G. Martinez and Mrs. Maria R. L. Vda. de Brown have arranged for a festival on Christmas Day for the poor children of Nuevo Laredo. They have met with much success in this laudable activity, and are to be congratulated for the altruistic spirit which prompted it.

Posadas Begin Tonight.
At a meeting held by a number of people yesterday afternoon it was decided to hold the "posadas" this year on the same basis as last year, which will be announced tomorrow. The first is tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dominguez, corner Victoria street and Salinas avenue, and the committee in charge includes: Mrs. Dominguez, Mrs. Gonzales and Misses Virginia Cavazos, Ernestina Sanchez, Josefina Arellano and Maria Arellano.

PERSONALS

Gus Schmitt, a former well known young man of this city, but who now makes his home in San Antonio, arrived here yesterday on a short visit.

Allan Stowers is here from San Antonio today on a short business visit.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES.

"Wolves of the Night" at Royal.
If you returned home after a disappearance of five years, and found your wife married to a former rival, would you disappear gain and permanently, to save her suffering, or would you remain, denounce the second marriage, and claim her as yours? That's the problem that confronted a mining engineer of the great North west. How he solved it is set forth in "Wolves of the Night," a William Fox photoplay to be shown at the Royal Theatre today and tomorrow, with William Farnum the famous as the star.

"The Country Cousin" at Strand.
Admirers of pictures in which bathing beauties are featured will have an opportunity to feast their eyes on an outdoor bathing scene of unique character in Elaine Hammerstein's first Selznick Picture, "The Country Cousin," which will be shown at the Strand Theatre on Friday.

The play called for a jolly night party at a large suburban estate which reached its climax with an invitation to the guests to take a plunge in an outdoor pool.

The water carnival was staged with zest and glow, but Elaine Hammerstein, Walter McGrail, her leading man, and the supporting company did not for a moment lose sight of the grand finale, the outdoor splashing in the patricianlike pool. Finally came the words—"How about a little swim?"

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CENTENARIES OF FAMOUS WOMEN.

New York, Dec. 16.—The year soon to begin will be one not only of unprecedented importance in the effect it is bound have upon the future participation of women in all fields of human activity, but it will possess a peculiar interest associating it with the past, for it includes the centenary anniversaries of the birth of an unusually large number of women whose lives and achievements were of profound influence upon the social, moral and intellectual progress of the age. Many of these will be the subject of individual comment as the centenary dates occur, but the list is so imposing that a brief glimpse at a few of its leading features in the aggregate seems of interest at this time.

The year will bring the centenary of Susan B. Anthony, who has been called the greatest woman reformer the world has ever known. As a young woman Miss Anthony aided in organizing the first woman's temperance society. Later she participated in the anti-slavery movement and during the civil war she was an organizer of the Women's National Loyal League. At the close of the war she took up the cause of woman suffrage. The course of Miss Anthony's work after this time is a history of the whole movement for bettering the legal status of women; its complexity make a summary impracticable; the general results are matters of common knowledge. Miss Anthony continued her active work until her seventieth year, when age compelled her to relinquish the leadership of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

With the world was still fresh in the public mind particular interest will attach to the centenary of Florence Nightingale, "the angel of mercy," who will always be remembered as the greatest nurse in history. In Miss Nightingale was found that rare combination of heart and brain which makes the ideal nurse. By means of her winsome personality and marked executive ability she dignified the profession of nursing and raised it from the makeshift employment of the degraded and ignorant up into the realm of the fine arts.

The sixth of October will bring the centennial anniversary of the birth of Jenny Lind, "the Swedish Nightingale," whose popularity as a singer has never been eclipsed. Many persons still living are able to recall the success that attended Jenny Lind's triumphal tour of America in the early '50s, under the direction of the late P. T. Barnum.

The distinguished English poet and novelist, Alice Cary, who with her sister attained fame as a writer of poetry and prose, and Anne B. Warner, a sister of the more famous Susan Warner, and herself the author of many popular novels.

There was also Fanny Crosby, the famous blind hymn writer who spent the latter years of her long life in Bridgeport, Conn. She was the author of more than 8,000 hymns which have been sung in the Protestant churches through the world.

Heading the list of famous women of the stage who first saw the light in 1820 appears the name of Laura Keane, the celebrated actress and manageress, whose name will ever be associated in history with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, for it was to see the popular light comedy actress in "Our American Cousin" that the President attended the theatre on the night of April 14, 1865.

Education will be represented in the list of centenaries by the name Anna Jemima Clough, the founder of Newham College and a noted worker for the higher education of women in England.

Representing the world of art is the name of Eliza Pratt Greatorex, the Irish-born American artist, who was the first woman to be elected associate of the National Academy of Design.

Dissolved Injunctions.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Motions to dissolve temporary injunctions issued against the district attorney and the collector of internal revenue here December 5 restraining them from interfering with the sale of whiskey were granted by United States District Judge Farris today.

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Weather Forecast.
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Tonight and Wednesday partly cloudy to cloudy. Warner.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 38 degs.
Max. temp. 46 degs.
General direction of wind: North. Clear.

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On all the official reports of the city councils of Philadelphia, from 1822 to 1847, appears the imprint of Lydia R. Bailey, who was at that time a well-known woman printer in the Quaker City.

Most of the ladies in Japan smoke. They have pipes with longer stems than the men, and if one of them wishes to show a gentleman a special mark of favor she lights her pipe, takes a whiff, hands it to him, and allows him to smoke.

Preparations are going forward in England for a suitable observance of the Florence Nightingale centenary next May.

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FRED. G. HUGO DECLARED HE SUFFERED NO HARDSHIPS AND NO REASON TO COMPLAIN

American Held Prisoner by Villistas Who Raided Muzquiz Released and Returned to Eagle Pass—Carranza Called Conference of Governors to Discuss More Rapid Pacification of Mexico.

POSTPONE HEARING MINERS OFFICIALS

ONLY ONE STILL AWAITING HEARING ON CONTEMPT CHARGES IS PRESIDENT KANSAS DISTRICT.

By Associated Press.
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—Hearing on contempt charges against the international and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America, except in the case of Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district, was postponed indefinitely when called in the United States district court today. Howat was ordered to appear next Monday.

Howat is charged with continued violation of the court's injunction against furtherance of the strike.

Ninety Per Cent at Work.
Chicago, Dec. 16.—The production of bituminous coal today rapidly approached the normal, reports indicating that 90 to 95 per cent of the miners were at work.

WANT PERMISSION TO BEGIN PROCEEDINGS

LIQUOR DEALERS OF NEW JERSEY.

ED INVALID.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Permission to institute original proceedings to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional and the New Jersey and federal authorities enjoined from enforcing it was asked of the supreme court today by the Retail Liquor Dealers Association of New Jersey.

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By Associated Press.
Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 16.—Fred G. Hugo declared that he "suffered no hardships and had no reason to complain" in connection with his detention by the Villistas who raided Muzquiz. Hugo arrived last night. He was released on a promise not to say where he was taken or under what condition he was released.

Called Conference.
Mexico City, Dec. 16.—The governors of all the states of Mexico have been summoned to meet in Mexico City December 20 for a conference with Carranza looking to more rapid pacification of the republic and to outline plans for the approaching elections in order that they may be carried out with the least disturbance or unfairness.

Attempt on Obregon's Life.
Aguila Prieta, Sonora, Dec. 16.—Private advices from Mexico City received today were to the effect that an attempt was made Thursday last to take the life of General Obregon, candidate for the presidency, after he had addressed a public gathering in one of the suburbs of the capital. The would-be assassin was jailed.

GIVEN TEN YEARS.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 16.—Federal Judge Landis today sentenced Samuel C. Pandolfo, organizer and head promoter of the Panmotor Co. of St. Cloud, Minn., convicted of using the mails to defraud, to serve ten years in the federal penitentiary and fined him \$4,000. Notice of appeal was given.

BUBONIC PLAGUE MENACE.
Louisiana, Dec. 16.—The bubonic plague is reported to have attained grave proportions at Las Rosas, Santa Fe province. Several deaths have occurred.

NEW AIR SPEED RECORD.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 16.—Sadi Leconte, the French aviator, in an officially timed test averaged 189 miles, 247½ yards an hour.

TODAY'S EVENTS.
Centenary of the birth of Gen. Robert S. Garnett, C. S. A., the first general officer killed in the American civil war.

At sunset this evening begins the celebration of Chanukah, or Feast of Lights, one of the most joyous festivals of the Jewish people.

After a career of nearly a century in the United States navy, Rear Admiral James M. Helm will be retired today on account of age.

The annual exhibition of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors will be opened today in New York City.

Many distinguished educators have been invited to Lewiston, Me., today for the dedication of Chase Hall, a magnificent new building recently added to Bates College.

Today will be elected day for municipal officials in all the towns, villages and rural municipalities of the Province of Manitoba.

A two days' conference has been called to assemble at Waycross, Ga., today to consider a project for an improved highway between Augusta, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.

General Pershing and his staff are scheduled to pay a visit of inspection today to the United States aviation experimental plant at Dayton, O.

Prominent representatives of the lumber trade are to gather at Memphis today for the annual meeting of the American Hardwood Manufacturers' Association.

A special election is to be held today in the Ninth North Carolina district to choose a representative in congress to succeed Edwin V. Webb, who resigned to accept a Federal district judgeship. The opposing candidates are Clyde R. Hobby, Democrat, and John M. Morehead, Republican.

Carnival and Musical at Post.
Mrs. Cuff, hostess at Fort McIntosh, will give a carnival and musical at the old K. of C. hut (now known as the Service Club) on Thursday night, the object being to raise funds for the soldier boys to help them defray the expenses of their Christmas entertainments and to help in the Christmas cheer. Any merchants or others caring to contribute toward the good purpose are assured that their contributions will be gratefully received.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM IMPORTANT CAPTURE

WIRELESS SAYS THEY TOOK FIVE THOUSAND PRISONERS, MANY GUNS AND SOME GENERALS.

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 15.—Bolshevik troops captured Novo Nikolaevsk on the trans-Siberian railroad Dec. 14, according to the soviet communique received by wireless. The statement said 5,000 prisoners, many guns and several generals of the Kolchak army were taken by the soviet troops.

New German Delegation.
Paris, Dec. 15.—The new German delegation arrived this morning to discuss the compensation for the sinking of German ships at Scapa Flow.

British Troops Wiped Out.
London, Dec. 16.—Thirteen hundred British troops in Persia have been wiped out by the hostile population, it is claimed in a Moscow wireless.

NOT IN CONTEMPT IN ENFORCING THE LAW

PROSECUTE VIOLATORS OF THE LAW.

By Associated Press.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—After a conference as to whether enforcement of the Texas anti-pool hall law pending appeal to the United States supreme court of the injunction to restrain the state officials from enforcing the law would constitute contempt of court, the attorney general's department late yesterday decided that this should not be contempt and issued a statement that they will continue to advise local officers to close the pool halls and prosecute those who violate the law.

ABANDON BRAZOS PROJECT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Abandonment of the government project of improving the Brazos river between old Washington and Waco was recommended to congress by the army engineer corps.

SPORT GOSSIP.
It's getting to be quite the thing for Chicago and Toledo scholastic football teams to meet New England high school gridders in post-season games.

'Tis said that Hugo Bezdek can pilot the Pittsburgh Pirates again next season, if he resigns as coach of the Penn State football team.

Two National commissions are to be organized in the near future, one to govern boxing exhibitions and the other to keep the wrestling game right side up.

The Yale club of New York is leading the Metropolitan Squash Tennis league, if that is any consolation to the Elis at New Haven.

Walter Cruise of the St. Louis Boston Nationals, and at one time a mighty slugger, had an off season with the bat in 1919, hitting for .206 in 82 games.

Manager Fred Mitchell of the Chicago Cubs predicts a great season for Pitcher Grover Alexander next year. Accidents and illness put a crimp in the great twirler's work last season.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

DECEMBER 16.

Great gold medal of Paris presented to President Wilson.

German uniforms in American area of occupation barred.

Giant transport Leviathan reached New York with 3,000 soldiers.

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From Monday's Daily

HELD FOR RANSOM.

Now comes the word that two Americans and one Englishman are among the prisoners taken by the Villistas in their attack on Muzquiz and held for ransom, the amount being stated as \$10,000 for each person. This is somewhat cheaper than the price set on William Jenkins, but as there are eleven of the prisoners, including eight wealthy Mexicans, the sum is not too insignificant.

It is apparent that the efforts of the Carranza troops were ineffective, as the Villistas have not been defeated as yet, despite the announcement that some 3,000 federal soldiers were ordered to surround them and prevent their escape.

Just what will be the result of this latest outrage upon American citizens is problematical. But the abduction of an English subject is liable to call for something more than an explanation. It is not often that a British subject is mistreated anywhere without a prompt demand for redress.

It is not surprising that the Villistas attacked Muzquiz. The town is a tempting mark for the "Reds," which have been initiated for the murder of Felipe Angeles.

But no matter what the quarrel between the Villistas and the Carranza government, both parties must keep their hands off Americans. They must learn that citizens of a friendly nation are to be held sacred from attack and that very time an American is molested someone will have to pay for it.

No sooner do the notes promising to respect American rights come from Mexico than some other outrage occurs. Every declaration of the Carranza government that it is "in full control of the republic" is followed by a new demonstration of the ability of the rebels to successfully dispute the statement.

Villa may not care to what nation his captives belong, and he is certainly not particularly well disposed toward the United States, while the manner of settling the Benton affair did not tend to increase his respect for Great Britain's might. But it is time something else were done than sending notes of protest to the Mexican government.

If the Carranza government is unable to prevent these incursions of the Villistas, he should not complain if our government sends a proper sort of punitive expedition this time. And the recent happenings indicate that Carranza is powerless to stop bandit raids and to prevent lawlessness.

The Carranza officials declared that there were only 400 Villistas who attacked and looted Muzquiz. They also announced that three columns were sent to intercept the bandits, and that they would not be permitted to return to Chihuahua.

But it appears now that they are not anxious to return. They have captured several towns, it even being reported that Cuatro Ciénegas, the former home of President Carranza, is also in their hands. They have interrupted rail communication and apparently are dominating that section.

This may be the beginning of another great campaign, and it is difficult to see how so insignificant a force as the Carranza officials claimed were under Villa's command could possibly stand off some 3,000 federal soldiers.

Perhaps the soldiers are deserting to the bandits, as has frequently been the case, and it may be that some of the followers of the rebel chiefs who recently surrendered have joined the Chihuahua leader.

But whatever has happened, it will be well for the Mexican government to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the release of the "Americana and the Englishman," to their continued captivity may lead to very national difficulties of a grocery more than those which have the idea of supplying the attention of it is profitable, and the Mexican way that a citizen's rights to its custody, commodation for those things.

There is every prospect

ANTI-RED TEACHING.

It was suggested the other day by a California congressman that the public schools of the country should teach the children the dangers of bolshevism and radicalism.

No better thing could be taught our children, especially the children of the poor, who must imbibe all their useful learning in the public school, because their parents are too busy in earning a living to spare any time for proper instruction at home.

The children of the workmen, especially those of foreign extraction, learn much that is evil in the neighborhoods where they live. They hear much inflammatory talk on the part of labor leaders, radical speakers and others whose ignorance is only equalled by their desire to display it before the world.

Many of these children are from homes where there is little or no religious training, and they have no opportunity of learning the lessons of right and wrong in a Sunday school. They are at the impressionable age when they easily learn the lessons of force and violence from older people, especially when they find that their fathers lend a listening ear to the advice of the radical orators.

Teaching the evils of radicalism is only a part of the lessons of Americanism, upon which so much stress is now being laid in our schools. It is not enough to teach the children the salute to the flag; they must learn the dangers which come from the red flag of anarchy.

The old story of the man who employed the coachman who promised to keep as far away from the edge of the cliff as the road would let him is in line with teaching anti-bolshevism. We have come to find that socialism is not a system of politics, but a weapon which was intended to be used against our free institutions. And flitting with socialism is merely skirting the edge of the abyss of radicalism.

The child of school age is ready to receive the lessons which are imparted at home and on the streets, as well as in the school room. He frequently learns with greater ease what is taught by association and by example on the streets than what is taught in school. Not that it is easier to teach evil than to inculcate good precepts, but home training, or the lack of it, makes the child a more ready pupil of those who teach the evil than of those who are trying to teach goodness.

The older children are now given a daily lesson in "current events," which means that they get something of what is going on in daily life and in the minds of the younger children, their elders, are in need of training to combat the evils of radicalism.

A child that is brought up to understand the perils of a departure from the right path is safeguarded in later years. And one who is taught that he must respect the rights and the goods of others is not apt to turn out an anarchist.

It is to be hoped that the anti-red teaching will be uniform and based upon the proper conception on the part of the teachers of what radicalism means. No teacher who is not thoroughly American in sympathy and ideas should be permitted to teach, and this means that no teacher of radical leanings should be employed by the state.

We have had the absurd spectacle of "learned" professors teaching the tenets of Marx and Liebknecht in our higher institutions of learning, but to students who have been thoroughly grounded in the precepts of Americanism there is little danger in this sort of instruction.

It is the children of impressionable age who should be trained to exert every effort against the evils of radicalism. As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined, we were taught in childhood, and there are some badly twisted, gnarled old trees in our country, due either to lack of the proper training, or to the direct methods of the radicals.

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1683—Izaak Walton, famous as the author of the "Complete Angler," died at Winchester, England, Born Aug. 9, 1593.

1810—Mrs. Sarah Trimmer, an English authoress and friend of Dr. Johnson, died in London, Born Jan. 6, 1741.

1831—Hannah Adams, the first woman in America to make literature a profession, died at Brookline, Mass. Born at Medfield, Mass., in 1755.

1885—John W. Daniel was elected United States senator from Virginia.

1914—Austrians crossed passes of the Carpathians in Galicia.

1915—General Sir Douglas Haig succeeded to the command of the British forces in France and Flanders.

1916—French smashed German lines at Verdun, penetrating two miles deep over a six-mile front, and taking more than 11,000 prisoners.

1917—Russo-German armistice signed at Brest-Litovsk.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

DECEMBER 15.

Cologne was placed under rigid martial law.

President Wilson placed a wreath on the tomb of Lafayette.

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure the sooner one rid himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.

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MILLIONAIRE OIL MAN WHO BOUGHT BIG RANCH IN PARTY.

S. W. Forrester Was Accompanied Here by Joseph F. Green, Mrs. Chas. P. Taft and Several Others.

The private car "Forrester," one of the best in the country, arrived in Laredo last night over the Texas-Mexican road, bringing a party of distinguished guests, these being S. W. Forrester, the millionaire oil operator of Wichita, Kansas, who a few days ago purchased the Catarina ranch in Dimmitt county from the Taft interests for a consideration of about one million dollars; his wife, Mrs. Forrester; Joseph F. Green, of Gregory, manager of the Taft interests in Texas; Mrs. Charles P. Taft, wife of C. P. Taft, brother of ex-President Taft; E. M. Tutt, private secretary of Joseph F. Green; F. P. Steinhauser, F. M. Horn and Chester Lumber, capitalists from Wichita, Kansas.

The party came to Laredo from Gregory via Corpus Christi and are spending today here and in Nuevo Laredo sightseeing as the guests of United States Consul Randolph Robertson and M. T. Cogley, president of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. Mr. Forrester is much interested in Southwest Texas and the purchase of the Catarina ranch may be only one of several big investments he proposes to make in Texas in the very near future. He is much impressed with the Laredo country and may eventually acquire important holdings in this section. The party leaves tomorrow morning in the private car for the Catarina ranch in Dimmitt county, where they will spend several days before returning to Gregory.

Mr. Forrester and the members of his party, accompanied by M. T. Cogley and Consul Robertson, today visited the Santa Rosa farm southeast of Laredo and spent some time looking over the place. Whether or not there is any significance attached to the visit to this farm could not be learned.

Office of Deputy Collector of Customs, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 1, 1919. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on December 22, 1919, at ten o'clock at the Customhouse, three boxes face powder, two lots silver dress, one diamond ring, one lot opals, eight bicycles, ten pieces lace, seized for violation of Section 3082. Revised Statutes. A. K. Kahn, Deputy Collector of Customs.

Laredo Pool Halls Closed.

All the pool halls operating in Laredo, which have withheld closing their doors pending a decision in the pool law measure, yesterday afternoon and last night closed their doors in obedience to orders given them by District Attorney John A. Valls. The law affected quite a number of pool halls here.

Notice.

1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas
12-15-19.

Auto Thieves Captured.

Four small Mexican boys were arrested in this city yesterday morning charged with the theft of the new Ford car belonging to Denike & McKinney, which has stolen from the front of the home of J. Seymour Denike on Saturday night. The boys had gone in roundabout ways as far as Palafox and then returned to Laredo, when they were arrested in the car, which carried a number belonging to another car, together with other accessories. The boys are in the county jail with charges of theft of a car against them, and maybe other charges.

Splendid Cough Medicine.

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

If your New Year resolution includes a course in the Laredo Business College during 1920 you're wise.

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SIX BELOW THE FREEZING

POINT IN LAREDO SUNDAY

SEVEREST COLD SPELL OF THE SEASON PREVAILED HERE.

While No Damage is Believed to Have Been Done Vegetation, Cabbage and Onions "Looking Mighty Sick."

The severest cold spell of the winter season prevailed in the Laredo section of country on Sunday morning, when the mercury reached the minimum mark of 26 degrees above zero and exposed receptacles containing water were covered with a liberal coating of ice over a half-inch thick, while on protected places a light covering of ice was found, denoting the penetrating effect of the cold wave in which this section was wrapped on Saturday and Sunday.

The fresh norther struck here Saturday forenoon and during the day there was a gradual drop noted on the thermometer. Saturday night a misting rain began falling and remained in evidence until after midnight, when the mercury had reached the freezing point and was still dropping. At 6 o'clock Sunday morning, and up 8 o'clock or a little later, the thermometer registered below freezing, and then when the sun came out good and strong the mercury began to ascend, though it remained between 32 and 35 most of the forenoon and the air chilly and cutting and the full effects of the cold were experienced.

Young cabbage and onions, which have just been transplanted from the protected seedbeds to the open fields, got the full effect of the cold wave, and while no serious damage is reported to them, they were, as one farmer put it, "all looking mighty sick" Sunday morning, but this was only a warning caused by the chilled atmosphere and no bad results were left. Hardier vegetation experienced no bad effects whatever from the cold while even tender vegetation of various kinds will not be damaged to any extent therefrom.

The cold spell yesterday, and which is still making its presence felt, was the severest of its kind experienced here before Christmas in a number of years, indicating that it is an early winter. Farmers are generally prepared for severe cold weather in January and February and take the necessary precautions to protect growing vegetation but it is seldom that a cold spell with the mercury registering six degrees below the freezing point visits the Laredo section of country before Christmas time, or the first of the year.

SEVENTEEN-HUNDRED BALES

Local Gin Had Turned Out 1,685 Bales Up to Saturday Evening and Had About 15 Bales Yet to Gin.

When the gin of the Laredo Cotton Gin Co. on the Heights here completed their work on Saturday evening a total of 1,685 bales of cotton had been turned out by that plant and R. M. Johnson, the manager of the plant, announced that only about fifteen bales remained to be ginned before the institution would close down for the season.

With the total output of the gin for the season being approximately 1,700 bales, and this being the first season that the Laredo cotton gin has been in operation, the prospects for a much greater crop in 1920 are most encouraging, and it is expected that the acreage in cotton will be increased to that extent in the Laredo section that the ginnings next season will be about double what they were this season. The gin was located in Zapata county, which had no gin in that county this year, but which expects to have a modern gin next year.

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For the early part of the new year the building program calls for a number of new business buildings, a \$75,000 home for the Elks lodge and numerous residences and cottages, while still others not yet planned for will be in prospect for the year 1920.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Before purchasing your Christmas candy see the special mixed candy at Laredo Candy Co.

To save money buy your high class jewelry at the Laredo Music and Jewelry Co.

The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo on Saturday afternoon: Three carloads of copper, three carloads of iron and three carloads of skins.

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The I. & G. N. train scheduled to reach here yesterday morning at 8 o'clock did not arrive until 2:45 in the afternoon. The locomotive attached to the train went "dead" near Enclinal and the train reached here nearly seven hours late, or five minutes ahead of the afternoon train.

Special price of 30c a pound for homemade French Christmas mixed candy at Pappas.

Dressmaking Mrs. A. M. Horner, 1602 Washington street, phone 1179.

Nine more days until Christmas—or in ten days more it will be Christmas Day. This will be a lively week with the business establishments of Laredo, for Christmas shoppers will be out in force. Many business houses here will keep late hours this week to accommodate Christmas shoppers in the evenings.

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The public schools of Laredo will take a recess for the holidays beginning at noon on Wednesday, December 10th, and ending at noon on Monday morning, January 5, 1920. Several of the teachers are planning to leave Laredo to spend Christmas with relatives in distant cities, while some of the pupils are planning to do likewise.

All kinds of fancy boxes and candy canes at Pappas for Christmas.

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The Strand Theater, Mr. Kintz, manager, has installed a number of radiators to provide heating facilities for that playhouse. Now when the weather is real cold outside the Strand is "as warm as toast" on the interior. The Royal Theater has likewise provided for the comfort of its patrons.

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The criminal docket for the present term of the district court, as set by District Attorney Valls and announced in The Times last week, will be taken up in district court here on Wednesday morning and continued until disposed of. The present term of the district court will extend into the new year.

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Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

AUCTION SALE.

There will be sold at Public Auction at Fort McIntosh, Texas, on Thursday, December 18th, 1919, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. and continuing until the sale is completed, the following condemned Motor Transport Property, viz: 1 Buick Ambulance (dissembled), 2 Reo 3/4-ton Trucks (one dissembled). The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Terms, cash at time of sale. Property must be removed by the purchaser within forty-eight (48) hours after the sale takes place.

W. H. GEORGE, 1st. Lieut., 37th Inf., Ass't M. T. Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas, December 2nd, 1919.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt, Society Editor

Phone 70 Phone 43

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

Mrs. Agnes Huberich will entertain the Nullos Club at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Visiting Day of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church. Heights Civic Club will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and business meeting.

Tuesday.

The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mrs. Gordon Lee, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies, for some time, has returned from San Antonio.

Mrs. Charles Hellen and baby returned Sunday to their home in Hebbronville.

Mrs. Norwood Witting will be the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr of San Antonio.

Mrs. Sue Smith will arrive today from Tyler, Texas, where she has been attending business college, having completed the business course and receiving her diploma.

Mrs. Everett Armstrong returned to Hebbronville on Sunday, after being the house guest of Mrs. G. W. Derby.

Mr. Gordon Lee of Virginia will arrive in the city on Wednesday to join his family, who are the guests of Mrs. A. Jefferies. He will enjoy a deer hunt while here.

Miss Margaret Hazelrigg is expected home Friday from San Antonio to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. J. C. Jefferies will come in from the ranch to be the holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies.

Announcements.

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Nelson to Captain George David Condon will take place at Christ Episcopal church, at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 17th. Reception after the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, 1520 Houston street.

The Condon-Nelson bridal party will be entertained at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the rehearsal on Tuesday evening, December 16th.

There will be a regular meeting of Miriam Chapter, No. 86, Order of the Eastern Star, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall.

A dance is to be given by the American Legion Monday evening, December 22nd, at 8:30 at Elks Hall. All members are urged to be present. For further information see any member of the following committee: R. L. Bobbitt, Alden B. Muller, Miles L. Hanchett, Ernest J. Biskamp, Aaron Moser.

Luncheon.

Mrs. T. A. McVicar entertained with a charming luncheon on Saturday, complimenting a few friends. The rooms were attractively decorated in yellow cosmos and branches of orange tree with golden fruit. The table was beautifully appointed, the favored color note of yellow being expressed in a low bowl of golden-hued cosmos and crystal candlesticks holding yellow-tinted tapers, and sprays of delicate ferns being scattered over the cloth. Lovely hand-painted place cards bearing verses especially appropriate to each guest designated their places. A delicious six-course luncheon was served. During the ice course cards were passed around with a request to tell about "your first party." In this Mrs. McComb was the lucky prize winner and was given an attractive basket. Those enjoying the delightful hospitality were: Mesdames McComb, Christen, Mims, J. H. Davis, Biggio, G. W. Derby, A. C. Richter and the hostess.

Christmas Entertainments at Post.

Three committees of officers and one committee of ladies have been appointed by Colonel Frank L. Winn, commanding Fort McIntosh, to make arrangements for Christmas festivities at the post. Plans are under way for five entertainments during the holidays, which include the following:

On the night of December 24th, a "smoker" at the Y. M. C. A. building at the post, starting at 7:30 o'clock. On the same night, an entertain-

ment at the post hospital, Fort McIntosh, given by the American Red Cross for the patients and members of the hospital corps, in the newly furnished recreation room of the hospital.

Christmas afternoon, a Christmas tree for all the children of the post. This probably will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building, though definite announcement as to the place has not yet been made.

Christmas night, a cabaret dance at the Knights of Columbus building at Fort McIntosh.

New Year's morning, a military field day.

Arrangements for the smoker are in the hands of a committee composed of Major W. F. Donnelly, Captain William F. C. Jepson and Lieut. Wayne Archer. The big feature of this event is expected to be competitive company "stunts" and for this competition every company and detachment now at Fort McIntosh is expected to furnish a stunt. There will be a limit as to time, but there will be no other limit on the nature or size of the "stunt." Laredo Post of the American Legion also has been invited to enter a "stunt" and to attend any one or all of the holiday events at the post. Another feature of the smoker will be boxing bouts, probably three in number. Lieut. Joe Wood, who has had a great deal of experience in handling athletics at the post for the past year, is in charge of arrangements for the bouts. It is expected there will be three of those. And last, but not least, there will be, of course, the "eats" without which no smoker is complete.

Major Leonard G. Coop, field director of the American Red Cross for the Laredo district, is making arrangements for the hospital entertainment and is being assisted by members of the hospital corps at the post. The house-warming for the new recreation room at the hospital, which has been prepared and furnished by the Red Cross. This room will be one of the finest of its kind in the southwest. Pool tables, a bowling alley, comfortable chairs and excellent furniture have been installed by the Red Cross, and the lot of the man "marked hospital" promises to be much better in future as a result of it. Members of the hospital corps and patients in the hospital will be present at this entertainment.

Colonel Winn has appointed the following committee of officers to make arrangements for the Christmas tree for the post children: Major Henry F. Phillips, Captains Albert B. Kaempfer, Lucian D. Bogan and Otto C. Schultz. This committee will be assisted by a committee of civilians: W. F. Donnelly, L. W. Maly, W. F. C. Jepson, Otto C. Schultz and Carl E. Everlof. Every child in the post is expected to be present, and Santa Claus himself will be there and distribute Christmas presents in person. This entertainment will also be featured by a recital given by the children.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the New Year's day military field events is composed of Major Donnelly, Captains Norman P. Groff, Lloyd Zupann and Edwin E. Keatley. There will be mounted events, a wall-scaling contest, a grenade-throwing contest and a number of athletic events in uniform. Prizes will be offered for the winner in each event.

Nothing definite has been decided as yet regarding the proposed cabaret dance at the Knights of Columbus building Christmas night. It is expected, however, that the dance will be held and in the event it is found possible an announcement will be made within the next two or three days.

LAREDO GOT RECOGNITION AND IS MADE FULL MEMBER

Texas Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Border in Selection of District Representatives.

It is a matter of importance to Laredo business interests, as well as to the Laredo district generally, that there should be a representative on the district board of directors of the Texas Chamber of Commerce. This organization is composed of all of the leading business men from the various chambers of commerce of the state, constituting a state organization under that name. The state organization has planned to have a complete board of directors and executive committee for the general office and executive work.

But the main purpose of the organization is to have a general viewpoint of the entire state at all times, and in order that the state body may act for the commercial interests of the state, as a whole. Or, in cases any particular district might be in distress, or request support and cooperation of the other districts of the state, that those districts may be gotten together quickly and render their services not only promptly but efficiently.

With this in view, the state has been divided into sixteen districts. In order that all of the border conditions from Brownsville to Del Rio and south and southwest of San Antonio might be properly represented, and in order that the district board of directors might have at their command expert information at all times, the board of directors of the Texas Chamber of Commerce requested the Laredo Chamber of Commerce to recommend the director for this border

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For Sale or Rent:—Rooms, apartments, bungalows, hotels, lots, blocks. J. Maxey Pace, 920 Salinas Ave. Phone 676. 4-4-tf

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For Rent:—Seven room house with gas, water and light, on Heights. Apply 1115 Rosario street. 12-6-tf.

For Rent:—Brick cottage. Apply R. F. Alexander, 302 Main Ave. 12-9-6t.

For Sale:—Two 5 horsepower Bessmer gas engines with electric ignition. Laredo Water Company. 12-9-6t.

Wanted:—Competent instructor in Spanish for soldiers. Competent instructor for soldiers in elementary English branches for men, not familiar with English language or deficient in education. Competent instructor for radio operator and telegraph operator. Write or phone Capt. Jepson, Fort McIntosh, Texas. 12-9-6t.

Wanted:—To buy or rent a four or five room cottage; preferably brick. E. J. D. care Times. 12-10-tf.

For Sale:—Ten lots on I. & G. N. Ry.; extra fine warehouse and truckage property; in city limits. North of Home Ice Co. plant. Apply W. H. Baker at Hamilton Barber Shop. 12-10-6t.

For Sale:—Twenty-five head fine American jennetts; all black, white nose, young and large. Frank Eldridge, Pearsall, Texas. 12-11-6t.

For Sale:—Counters and show cases (or store). May be seen at 611 Flores avenue. 12-11-4t.

Wanted:—A first-class hardware clerk. Must know both English and Spanish, and have had experience. Brother. 12-12-tf.

For Sale:—National cash register. Freed & Spar, 1115 Iturbide street. 12-13-tf.

Lost:—\$7.00 reward for the return of a red grip with contents. Lost near Alcee December 10th. \$2.00 for information leading to recovery. P. Goebel, Gen. Del., Laredo, Texas. 12-13-2t.

For Rent:—Business block at the corner of Iturbide street and San Eduardo avenue; 50x100 feet, brick. Has hay house adjoining of 400 bale capacity. Very moderate rent. Apply to A. Bertoni. 12-15-3t.

For Rent:—Three unfurnished rooms, 1612 Victoria street; phone 1413. 12-15-3t.

For Sale:—Brand new solid Army blankets, \$7.95. Parcels post prepaid. Limited number, order now. Brown & Adleson, Robstown, Texas. 12-15-6t.

Found:—Lady's hand bag. Owner can recover same by applying to Mechanic G. A. Gamble, Supply Co. 37th Infantry, Fort McIntosh. 12-15-2t.

Wanted to Hire:—Some mules to plow. Also want contract for ground to be broken by the acre. J. B. Jones, Parker Ranch, North Laredo. 12-15-3t.

For Sale:—A nice bungalow. Apply to W. H. Baker, Hamilton Hotel Barber Shop. 12-15-3t.

Accordingly, at the board of directors meeting of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce on December 11th, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, W. L. Gaylor, was unanimously elected as the member from this district, for the director at large of the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Laredo has therefore been given proper recognition, and at a time when there is so much constructive work to be considered throughout the entire State, in readjusting the agricultural and business affairs to the new conditions which are constantly arising. It is a matter of greatest importance that this district should be given such recognition. Mr. Gaylor has gone to Dallas to attend a specially called conference of the directors at large for this week. Quite a number of matters of special value for this district will be considered, and Laredo commercial interests may rest assured that our interests will be given proper consideration.

TIMES WANT ADS. Money Makers

FRED HUGO RELEASED BY VILLISTAS SAYS TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL ALFREDO RICAUT

Carranza Garrison at Piedras Negras Informed that Villistas Released All Prisoners without Payment of Ransom Money—Our Government Had Already Made Representations to Mexican Authorities.

GENERAL CAVIGLIA TO COMMAND FIUME

D'ANNUNZIO'S FORCES TO EVACUATE AND BE RELIEVED BY REGULAR ITALIAN TROOPS.

By Associated Press.

Trieste, Dec. 15.—General Caviglia, former minister of war, arrived in Trieste today on a special mission from General Badoglio, chief of staff to General Diaz and second in command of the Italian army, to take over the command at Fiume. The greatest secrecy is maintained by government officials regarding the solution of the Fiume question. Nothing has been given out from government offices concerning the most recent agreement.

D'Annunzio to Evacuate. Fiume, Dec. 15.—Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fiume by D'Annunzio and its occupation by a contingent of the regular Italian army headed by General Savaglia.

Germany's Reply Delivered. Paris, Dec. 15.—The German peace delegation this morning handed Germany's reply to the Entente note to Paul Dufosse, secretary of the peace conference.

No Irish Bill. London, Dec. 15.—Lloyd George would be introduced at this session of parliament. He promised a statement Monday giving an outline of the measures.

SUPREME COURT DID NOT FAVOR WET SIDE

WARTIME PROHIBITION ACT DECLARED CONSTITUTIONAL IN OPINION BY JUSTICE BRANDEIS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The wartime prohibition act was held constitutional today by the supreme court, deciding appeals from Kentucky and New York. Opinion was read by Associate Justice Brandeis. Federal decrees in New York dismissing proceedings brought by Dryos, Blum & Co. to compel internal revenue officials to permit the withdrawal from bond of whiskey for beverage purposes were affirmed by the court. In deciding the question the supreme court also dissolved injunctions restraining revenue officials from interfering with the removal from bond of about 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey valued at approximately \$75,000,000 held by Kentucky distilleries and a warehouse company at Louisville. The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of congress, Justice Brandeis said, reading the decision of the court. Justice Brandeis said the government did not appropriate the liquor by stopping its domestic sale, as the way was left open for exporting it.

WEATHER FORECAST. The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight and Tuesday fair; rising temperature.

Local Weather Report. The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Min. temp. 28 degs. Max. temp. 46 degs. General direction of wind: North. Clear.

Grape Camp W. O. W. Elects. Grape Camp No. 255, Woodmen of the World, have elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: T. J. Emerson, consul commander; W. L. Irwin, advisory lieutenant; G. C. Emerson, escort; E. B. Brewster, banker; N. A. Miller, clerk; Lucas A. Barrera, sentry; E. W. Blake, watchman; J. E. Trout and J. A. Burnett, managers. The installation of the new officers will take place on January 3.

By Associated Press.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 15.—Fred G. Hugo of El Paso, manager of the J. M. Dohie ranch near Muzquiz, Mexico, has been released by the Villistas who had held him for \$10,000 ransom, according to advices received here today. No ransom money was paid. The information of Hugo's release was contained in a telegram received by the Carranza garrison at Piedras Negras from General Alfredo Ricaut, commanding one of the columns of government forces sent to intercept the Villistas. Several prominent Mexicans held for \$5,000 ransom also were released without payment of any money, the telegram stated.

To Investigate Hugo Case.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The American embassy at Mexico City was directed today by the state department to make representations to the Mexican government regarding the kidnapping of Fred C. Hugo by Villistas. The embassy and the American consul at Eagle Pass have been instructed to make an independent investigation of the incident and also investigate the reports that the Villistas carried off another American named Phillips.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 15.

Congressman Claude Kitchin, who urges a big increase in the income tax rate on corporations if the excess profits taxes are done away with is the ranking Democrat of the House Ways and Means Committee, and was heard of that body when the excess profits tax was introduced at Washington since 1911. Educated at Wake Forest college, the cultural mother of so many sons of North Carolina, young Kitchin, in 1899, turned to the law as a calling, and within a decade had won rank as a thinker and orator such as to induce his neighbors to send him to Congress. There he has remained, showing ability as a parliamentary leader and debater, which ability was duly recognized several years ago when he was made floor leader of the Democratic party in the House.

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FEREING SHIPS GET COAL FOR BUNKERS

RESTRICTIONS REMOVED AND HUNDREDS OF SHIPS WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE PORT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Restrictions against supplying coal to foreign ships were relaxed by the railroad administration today to permit the departure of hundreds of foreign vessels held at Atlantic and other ports since the shortage of coal became acute.

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From Tuesday's Daily.

JOHN BARLEYCORN.

According to latest advices, John Barleycorn is dead and apparently beyond all hope of resurrection. The supreme court decides that the wartime prohibition act is constitutional; it was passed by congress and signed by the president, therefore it was legally adopted; congress refuses to revoke it, so it is the law of the land. So what's the use of fussing any more about it?

There is not the slightest probability that the wartime prohibition act will be set aside by presidential proclamation declaring demobilization, and one month from today the constitutional amendment making the nation dry will go into effect, being one year from the date of the last ratification of the thirty-six states needed to adopt it.

If there had been any chance of defeating constitutional prohibition, the wets would have some reason for their activity, but all this excitement over the question of whether or not there is some legal quibble which will render the operation of the act ineffective, or some means of declaring a law adopted in legal form to be unconstitutional, is tommyrot.

There is not the slightest doubt that if the drys had failed they would have adopted the same tactics, which leads one to believe that we are somewhat disposed to question our own laws, made by our representatives and ratified by a majority of the states.

If it is true, as has been charged, that a majority of the people do not want prohibition, and that the ratification by thirty-six states of the Union was merely the act of the politicians who did not really represent the people, then in future the constitution should be so amended as to give the people the power—as they have the right—to ratify or reject any proposed changes in our basic law.

But it is too late to affect the prohibition amendment, and all must make the best of existing conditions until the time comes when it is possible to change them. To whine over what has happened is babyish. It is not particularly to the credit of the wet leaders that they have resorted to such tactics as those of the past few months in an attempt to set aside a law which was adopted in a legal manner.

The probability is that some day there will be a return of wet conditions, modified perhaps by the knowledge that the old conditions were bad and were the cause of the change. But if the wets are to be reformed by the mere passage of an act of congress. Even the enforcement of the law will not reform men's morals or change their appetites.

But whatever change in present conditions comes about in the future will come by law, not by legal trickery and quibbling. It will come about because the majority of the people are convinced that prohibition by statute is not a proper measure of reform, or because the greater part of the people want the right to use intoxicating liquors if they see fit.

There are many laws which do not particularly please all people, yet we demand the strict observance of those laws by all. We establish courts and officers of the law for the enforcement of what our legal representatives have adopted as the law to govern us.

And it should be the same with the prohibition law. Every loyal citizen should obey that law just as he does the law against smuggling, against improper use of the mails, against illegal entry of aliens and the other laws that we have come to look upon as peculiarly federal laws.

There is no doubt that the advocates of prohibition recognize the fact that the prohibition law is not popular. They are doing everything in their power to uphold the officers of the law in its enforcement, although many of them would not have gone out of their way to aid the officers in the enforcement of the laws against murder, robbery, arson, forgery and the like. Probably some of those now most vitally concerned in enforcing the dry law would have evaded jury duty in other cases. But not in this case.

PLAN OF ANNIHILATION.

Some time ago it was announced in the Mexican press that prominent military leaders recommended a campaign of extermination against the Yaquis, who had always been resistant to civilization and who had for many years successfully resisted the Mexican government, never having been under the domination of the former Spanish government.

Now it seems that the plan has begun to be carried into effect, for a recent news item in Excelsior, one of the most important of the Mexico City dailies, announce that General Juan Torres, campaigning in the state of Sonora, had given orders for the summary execution of Jose Oroz, one of the Yaqui chiefs, and ten of his immediate followers, "as a warning to the other Yaquis now in arms against the constituted authorities."

It is true that Torres justifies—or attempts to—his action by the report that these particular Yaquis had recently attacked a train, resulting in the killing of several innocent parties.

But the Carranza plan seems to be based on a policy of extermination of all enemies of that party, and this is

not the first time that a summary execution has followed the capture of prisoners. Indeed, the Carranza soldiers show themselves fully as savage as the Indians against whom they are now campaigning.

Civilized warfare prohibits the execution of prisoners surrendered until after a duly constituted court has tried them for offenses without the rules of civilized warfare. It may be that the Yaquis have been guilty of such crimes, but there is nothing to show that they were tried and found guilty before their execution. They were merely ordered shot, "as a warning" to those who might be disposed to defy the "duly constituted authorities."

As a matter of fact, the Yaquis have never recognized the authority of any Mexican—or Spanish—government. They have claimed the right to administer their own laws in their own territory. They are renowned fighters, and they have on many occasions defeated superior forces sent against them.

On the other hand, they have treated Americans and other foreigners with consideration when not guilty of abuses against the Yaqui code, which is a simple though severe one. They demand to be let alone, and save when they fought with one side or the other during the various rebellions of the past decade, they have usually kept strictly to their own territory.

It is declared that the Yaquis are not amenable to civilization, and that they are a pagan race with no respect for Christianity. But that alone is not enough to condemn a whole tribe to death.

The Yaquis are relentless in the pursuit of those who have wronged or abused them. Many of them were sent years ago to Quintana Roo to serve as slaves and others have been sent to the henequen plantations of Yucatan in lieu of other penal colonies to which they might be transported.

They are stern in their primitive conception of justice, and those who have wronged their women have especially been the object of their revenge. It used to be said that an Indian never forgets, and surely the Yaquis have lived up to that tradition. Yet many of the Yaquis have voluntarily served those whom they liked, and their service was invariably loyal. Under the leadership of General Obregon, himself a Yaqui, they performed deeds of valor that reminded one of the heroes of ancient legend.

It may be that the present dislike of Carranza toward them is based upon this resolve to be rid of the Yaquis, once and for all.

But the Spaniards, with their bloodhounds and their arms, were no match for the silent and impassive Yaquis, who are among the best trailers in the world, and Torres may have accepted a bigger contract than he can fulfill in his determination to exterminate the brave and independent tribe. It is one thing to issue manifestos and another to carry them out, as he may find to his sorrow before his campaign is ended.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 16.

Arthur Bodanzky, conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra, born in Vienna, 42 years ago today.

Rear Admiral James M. Helm, U. S. N., retired, born at Grayville, Ill., 64 years ago today.

Oscar B. Colquitt, former governor of Texas, born at Canilla, Ga., 58 years ago today.

Ralph Adams Cram, celebrated architect and author, born at Hampton Falls, N. H., 56 years ago today.

Rufus Hardy, representative in Congress of the Sixth Texas district, born in Monroe County, Miss., 64 years ago today.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

DECEMBER 16.

1845—The House of Representatives voted to receive Texas into the Union.

1859—William E. Burton, the famous comedian, made his last stage appearance at Hamilton, Ont.

1875—One hundred persons killed in a coal mine disaster at Mons, Belgium.

1894—A monument to the memory of Father Damien, the missionary to lepers, was unveiled at Louvain, Belgium.

1906—The Boers invaded Cape Colony.

1914—Nearly 100 persons were killed in a German raid on three towns on the east coast of England.

1915—Austrians advanced in Montenegro, while Italians landed army in Albania.

1916—Four French divisions swept away five German divisions at Verdun in spite of desperate defense.

1917—British and French troops joined the Italian army in the defense of the Piave line.

Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., in M. M. degree postponed to Wednesday at 7:30. All visiting brethren invited to attend.

FRITZ WERNER, W. M.

HUGHES MAKES GAIN OF FIFTEEN POUNDS

THERE WAS HARDLY A DAY IN FIFTEEN YEARS WHEN HE WAS FREE OF PAIN.

"I wouldn't be back in the fix I was in before I took Tanlac for all my possessions," said William R. Hughes, a former resident of Newport, Ark., and now living at 1206 West Third street, Oklahoma, Okla.

"There was hardly a day in fifteen years," he continued, "that I was free from suffering. I couldn't eat anything except the lightest kind of diet, or my stomach would get all out of order and stay so for days. I lost my appetite and dreaded for mealtime to come; my kidneys worried me and I had an awful pain right in the small of my back that stayed with me night and day. I was so nervous I could hardly sleep and at times I was so badly crippled up with rheumatism that I could hardly stir around and my farm ran down because I was unable to work it."

"After taking Tanlac a while my appetite returned and I can now eat anything that is put before me. All those aches and pains are gone and I have no more rheumatism. I have gained fifteen pounds in weight, feel strong and well, sleep like a log at night and can work hard all day. Tanlac has put me in better shape than I have been in many years, and all I could say in its praise wouldn't be half enough."

All druggists sell Tanlac.

OIL DRILLING ACTIVITIES WILL START ABOUT LAREDO

Several Drilling Outfits Are Expected to "Spud in" During the Early Part of the Coming Year.

The indications at this time are that the early part of the new year of 1920 will see great activity in oil development work in this section, including the beginning of work by the Bortex Oil Co. near Orville, north of Laredo; by the Swastika Oil Co. near Reiser, east of Laredo and also in one or two other places, while the Webb-Zapata Oil Co., with its deep wells in Zapata county will be well on its way to the precious fluid, which they hope to bring in in "gusher" quantity.

There are a number of good shale oil wells in the area, and the deep test down there to a depth of 4,000 feet if necessary will be watched with keen interest by all concerned. The Bortex Co. and another concern are getting ready to drill for oil in the country north of Laredo, while it is said that one or two companies are planning to drill northeast of Laredo on land recently leased for that purpose.

All the drilling operations are expected to be gotten under full headway during the month of January and by early summer it should be definitely decided whether or not there is oil in paying quantities in the Laredo section, which geologists claim there is.

HUNTING SEASON WANING; MANY HAVEN'T GOT A DEER

Bad Weather and Reptiles Said to Huntsman and Airplanes Said to Be Scaring the Deer Away.

Two weeks more of the season remains in which to get that supply of venison, and many hunters who generally have their supply by this time each year have this season been prevented from bringing down their pair of bucks by the bad weather conditions and the fact that the chapparal is alive with rattlesnakes and other venomous reptiles and insects.

Another complaint heard from the airbirds with the guns is that the aviators in their airplanes have caused the deer to "hike to the tall timbers" as a result of flying low over prairies where deer generally gambol, and then the deer stay "under cover" from dread of the whirling noise overhead. It is said that less deer have been killed by hunters in the Laredo section of country this year than in many years past due to the causes referred to.

CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING AHEAD ON TWO BIG PLACES

Excavation Work on Laredo Auto Sales Building Finished and National Motor Co. on Second Story.

The work of excavating for the large and spacious basement of the modern garage and salesroom for the Laredo Auto Sales Co., at the corner of Convent Avenue and Houston street, has been completed and work is now under-way on putting in the reinforced walls in the basement. Early in the new year the walls of this large and handsome building, which will be quite an acquisition to that portion of the city, will begin to "loom up" and be rushed to completion.

The brick work on the building of the National Motor Co. at the corner of Flores Avenue and Houston street is going rapidly ahead, the brick masons now being at work on the second story of the corner portion of the building. The building in the rear of the two-story part will be a one-story brick structure.

DEPOT SERVICE PROVIDED MAIL BOX AT THE STATION

Postmaster Worsham Arranged For Collection of Mail By Mail Clerks on Departure of Trains.

Suggestions had been made by various members of the Chamber of Commerce that it would be a great advantage to many of our business men to provide for a mailbox at the I. & G. N. depot, from which the railway mail clerks on the outgoing day passenger trains might collect the mail going by their route, and thereby often save a day's delay in the movement of important mail.

The secretary promptly had a conference with Postmaster Worsham who stated that such a service had been planned for sometime, but that the mailbox had been stationed in the baggage room, and no publicity had been given the service. It was therefore arranged to select a location at the south end of the depot just outside of the Texas Mexican tracks. The mailbox and post was transferred from the corner opposite on Farragut St. and installed on the depot side between the Texas-Mexican tracks, at a convenient point for our citizens to pass by and drop the mail.

Postmaster Worsham advises that the railway mail clerk on train No. 8 will collect the mail from this box for this train at 8:15 a. m. This is the North bound I. & G. N. leaving at 8:30 a. m. The railway mail clerk on Train No. 2 east, being the Texas-Mexican to Corpus Christi, will collect mail from this box at 9:40 a. m. Hence parties having important mail to leave on these morning trains will make sure to have it got, if it is dropped previous to 8:15 a. m.

This box will be used for dropping all classes of mail, as heretofore, because the railway mail clerks will only take up such mail as is due to go out on their train. The remaining mail will be taken up by the usual city mail carrier.

This service will be greatly appreciated by our business men for the reason that owing to the early departure of the I. & G. N. morning train, mail dropped at the postoffice during the early morning hours cannot be made up in time for the departure of the first mail out.

Office of Deputy Collector of Customs, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 9, 1919. Notice is hereby given that a Ford automobile has been seized at Laredo, Texas, on December 1, 1919, for violation of Section 3082, R. S. Any person claiming this automobile should appear and file his claim with the collector of customs, at Laredo, Texas, on or before January 14, 1920. A. R. Kahn, Deputy Collector of Customs.

IT IS SERIOUS

Some Laredo People Fail to Realize the Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back, The weariness, the tired feeling, The pains and aches of kidney ills May result seriously if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles often follow.

A Laredo citizen shows you what to do.

J. C. Stein, barber, 1620 Lincoln St., says: "Some time ago I came down with a severe backache. It hurt me to stoop over or to straighten up. My kidneys acted too frequently and I was compelled to arise often at night. I heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended so I bought some and started using them. I used about two boxes and they entirely removed the trouble. I haven't been bothered since. I gladly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Stein had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

IMPERSONATING OLD SANTY IN DELIVERING PACKAGES

Mail Carriers at This Time Have "Their Hands Full" and Shoulders, Too, With Christmas Packages.

Consider the mail carriers these days as they try to emulate old Santa Claus and go about on their routes burdened down with holiday packages which arrive by parcels post and must be delivered to the addresses given. The mail carriers are getting their physical exercise good and plenty these days, and as muscular development will necessarily result, some of them may take on Jack Dempsey after the holidays fade away.

The parcels post shipments into Laredo at this time are quite heavy, and the same condition appertains to the outgoing mails—all mail cars are loaded to their capacity with parcels post packages, while there are also a number of registered mail packages going to and fro. The express company is likewise doing a big holiday business—coming and going—and this will continue until about the first of the year, as many belated Christmas gifts will reach here several days after Christmas Day, but "better late than never."

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 60c. per month.

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LAREDO AND GOOD REFINERY WILL DO

C. B. PORTER LEFT FOR HEAD-QUARTERS IN FORT WORTH.

Very Grateful for Many Courtesies Shown Him During His Several Days Business Visit to Laredo.

C. B. Porter, representing the American Financing Co., the concern which is financing the Texas Independent Pipe Lines Co., which will in the next few days begin preliminary work here on the construction of a \$300,000 oil refinery, and who on last Friday afternoon addressed a number of the local shareholders of the pipe lines company, left last night for his headquarters in Fort Worth, but hopes to return to Laredo some day in the near future.

"I was very much pleased with my visit to Laredo," said Mr. Porter to The Times representative, "and now that the oil refinery will soon be in course of construction, I know Laredo will soon come to a realization of what such an industry means. Those with whom I had the pleasure of conversing during my stay in Laredo are enthusiastic over the prospects of the refinery proving a paying investment, and they have just reason to so believe, for it will be a financial success. I appreciate the many courtesies shown and the many hospitalities accorded me during my stay here and I will always be a booster for Laredo and her affable people."

Mr. Porter stated that the representative of the contracting firm which is to erect the refinery should be in Laredo this week to get busy on plans for the starting of construction work as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Report Shows Liberal Response Made By People of Laredo to Help Unfortunate of City.

Believing that it will be of interest to those who contributed in the campaign held by the Associated Charities for funds for the equipment and maintenance of its recently established hospital, there is given herewith an account of funds collected:

Amount received on Tag Day from sale of tags, \$843.02; contributed at the union service held at the Presbyterian church and at service at Christ Church on Thanksgiving Day, \$78.00.

Amount contributed by the business men of the city, \$1660. Making a grand total of \$2561.02. The undersigned desire to express their thanks to the public for their liberal response to the call of the association for funds for the care of the unfortunate in our city, also to all those who gave themselves unsparingly to the work of carrying out of the plans of the campaign committee.

The business men who subscribed to the fund and who have not yet paid their subscription may send their check to J. A. Burnett, 1917 Farragut street, treasurer of the association.

JOHN COLMAN, Pres.
C. W. COOK, Vice-Pres.
L. H. WHARTON, Gen. Sec'y.

"OUCH! ANOTHER RHEUMATIC TWINGE

Get busy and relieve those pains with that handy bottle of Sloan's Liniment

WHAT Sloan's does, it does thoroughly—penetrates without rubbing to the assailed part and promptly relieves all manner of external pains and aches. You'll find it clean and non-skin-staining. Keep it handy for sciatica, lumbago, neuralgia, over-exerted muscles, stiff joints, pains, bruises, sprains, bad weather after-effects.

For 38 years Sloan's Liniment has helped thousands the world over. You won't be an exception. It is unequalled in producing results.

All druggists—35c., 70c., \$1.40.

Sloan's Liniment
Keep it handy

Commissioners' Court Meets.

The commissioners' court of Webb county convened in special session at the court house this morning for the transaction of routine business coming before them. Among the matters demanding the attention of the commissioners at this time is the fixing of salaries of county officers and assistants for the year 1920.

Christmas Trees.

Joe Barberio & Co., have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

12-15-9t.

Notice to Hunters.

Account existing conditions hunting in Jarra, Barroco, Burritos, Tortuga and La Mota pastures will be detrimental to interests of owners of cattle therein, so will ask that no requests be made of me for hunting permits.

J. D. JENNINGS.

10-31-2m.

POINTS ABOUT MEXICO.

Mexico has an area of 767,007, or one-fourth of that of the United States. The population is a little over 15,000,000, or less than that of the two States of New York and Pennsylvania, and of this only about 20 per cent are white.

The ancient City of Mexico, with a population of about half a million, is the capital and chief centre of culture.

Vera Cruz, on the Gulf of Mexico, is the principal port of entry, and Monterey is the principal railway centre.

Leon, San Luis Potosi, Puebla and Guadalajara are centres of the mining industry.

Mexico is bounded on the north by the United States, on the south by Honduras and Guatemala, on the east by the Gulf of Mexico, and on the west by the Pacific ocean.

Agriculture is backward, but the climate and soil, varying according to altitude, are favorable for the produce of both temperate and tropical zones.

In the higher altitudes wheat, corn, and other cereals are raised, while the lowlands produce large quantities of coffee, rice, sugar cane, cotton, tobacco, cacao, and tropical fruits.

Minerals are the chief resource, for Mexico is one of the foremost silver producing countries of the world. The country also has rich deposits of copper, lead, mercury, iron, sulphur, tin, and other mineral products.

Of late years the oil wells have brought fabulous wealth to Mexico, which now ranks next to the United States and Russia in the production of petroleum.

The chief manufacturing industries are smelting, cotton milling, distilling, and the manufacture of tobacco and its products.

In theory the Government of Mexico is modelled closely after that of the United States, but in practice the country has been ruled to a large extent by the simpler method of ignoring the Constitution.

President Venustiano Carranza, the present chief executive, came into power on Aug. 12, 1914, the sixth to hold the reins since the resignation of President Diaz in 1911. The Carranza Government was re-elected by President Wilson, Oct. 19, 1915.

The prevailing religion in Mexico is Roman Catholic, but all sects are tolerated.

Mexico has between 15,000 and 20,000 miles of railway, built and financed largely by Americans.

FATTEST BOY IN THE WORLD



This is Lenny Mason of Leicester, England, a boy of sixteen who weighs 420 pounds, making him the world's fattest boy. Some of Lenny's other dimensions are as follows: Arm circumference, 23 inches; chest, 64 1/2 inches; thigh, 28 inches, and calf, 24 inches.

Old Tree Made Prolific.

An old back-yard apple tree in an Ohio city is yielding, in rotation, crops of apples of the extra-early, early, medium-early, fall and winter varieties, besides seven kinds of pears—a total of 36 varieties of fruit. The tree, more than 75 years old, was thought to be dead and in an advanced stage of decay, when the horticulturist responsible for its metamorphosis began his experiments. Skillful and studied grafting, of course, accomplished the seeming miracle. The renewed tree is now vigorous enough to produce some 40 to 50 bushels of fruit every year, all of the choicest kind. Its owner declares that yielding several varieties of fruit at different seasons makes a healthier tree than the usual production of a heavy crop all in one season.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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LOCAL NEWS

—The Retail Merchants Association is today removing its headquarters from the Treviño building on Lincoln street to the Bertani building on Hidalgo street.

—The work of razing the buildings on the corner of Hidalgo street and Salinas Avenue to make room for the large and modern business block and theater to be erected there by Messrs. Earnest, Lattig and Russell, is now under headway by Contractor L. V. Jambers.

—The importations through this port from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of two carloads of ore, one carload of beer, four carloads of ixtle, three carloads of lead and five carloads of copper.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Leroy T. Hagborn and Miss May V. Beatty, Louis E. Burrows and Miss Mary Corrae, Arturo Hernandez and Miss Acaria Flores.

—The stores in Laredo this week present animated appearances with the crowds of holiday shoppers who are out making their purchases of Christmas goods and incidentally getting things in readiness so that there will be no empty stockings in their households on Christmas morning.

—Both the "movies" have on feature plays for this evening, the Royal having "Wolves of the Night" and the Strand having "Partners Three." In both pictures great stars take the leading role, the play at the Royal having William Farnum, and that at the Strand starring Enid Bennett.

—All who have not been approached to buy Christmas Red Cross Seals are requested to phone Mrs. Greer at No. 367 to get their supply. These seals go to a fund for a most laudable purpose and everybody should use them liberally on Christmas letters and packages. Get a supply at once.

FOURTEENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1919, the Fourteenth Decennial Census of the United States is to be taken beginning on the second day of January, 1920; and Whereas, a correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the Constitution of the United States for its purpose of determining the representation of the several States in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the interests of all the people of the United States that this Census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the Nation;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. The census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employee of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employees of the Census Bureau and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-fourth.

WOODROW WILSON,
By the President:
WILLIAM PHILLIPS,
Acting Secretary of State.

The first woman compositor ever employed in the Government Printing Office in Washington was a Miss Green, of Alliance, O., who went to work in 1870.

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10-31-2m.

From Wednesday's Daily.

WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS TO SERVE FOR COMING YEAR

Olive Camp No. 1320, W. O. W., Select New Set of Officers to Serve Them During 1920.

Olive Camp No. 3170, Woodmen of the World, of this city, have elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: A. F. Joseph, past consul commander; E. H. Sanchez, consul commander; J. T. Wise, advisory lieutenant; A. D. Kutz, banker; J. R. Fasnacht, secretary; M. Castillo, escort; A. L. Herbeck, assistant escort; A. R. Chapa, watchman; Isidro Romano, sentry; Dr. John T. Hall, physician; H. G. Teal, J. M. Azio and A. B. Gale, managers.

The installation of the newly-elected officers will take place at the first meeting in January. On Sunday, December 21, Olive Camp, W. O. W., will unveil a monument to the late Sovereign Gregorio Lopez.

Notice.

1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas.
12-15-1st.

Woodmen Notice.

All Sovereigns of Olive Camp are requested to attend unveiling ceremony at Olive Camp No. 3170, Gregorio Lopez Monument. Meet at K. of P. Hall 2:30 p. m. Sovereigns of Grape and Ahuehuete Camp are cordially invited.

J. R. FASNACHT, Clerk,
Olive Camp No. 3170.

Business Change.

I have purchased the Mateo Lopez barber shop on the southside of Market plaza in the Laredo National Bank building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

JUAN LOPEZ.
12-3-1m.

MORE RAIN IS IN PROSPECT ACCORDING INDICATIONS

Misting Rain Fell Here During Early Hours of Morning and Then Began Again This Forenoon.

After a day or two of sunshine Laredo is again experiencing that disagreeable condition of weather caused by heavy clouds, fog and dampness generally, and the indications are for another long wet spell, unless there is a sudden change for the better very soon.

In the early hours of this morning a light rain fell here, then the moisture ceased for a short time and again was in evidence this forenoon, when a misting rain began to fall and continued up to noon, with indications of prolonging its stay long enough to settle down to a genuine rain before the skies clear and the sun attempts to show his glowing face again.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

Condren-Nelson wedding will take place at Christ Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Thursday.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Circle A, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. C. C. Barr in the afternoon.

Circle D, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. F. H. Smith, 1220 Calahan street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Carnival at K. of C. Hall, Fort McIntosh, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

General Mention.

Mr. I. Rosenbaum and family have moved their residence from 1019 Juarez avenue to 1104 Houston street.

Miss May Netzer, who is attending the University in Austin, will arrive on Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Netzer.

Miss Evelyn and James Moore are expected home on Sunday morning from Austin for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert McCulloch are expected in Laredo about the 29th and will have apartments at the Seymour home on Juarez avenue.

Mr. Charles Ernst will arrive in the city today to attend the Condren-Nelson wedding.

Mr. H. P. Westcott of Erie, Pa., who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, left for home last night to spend Christmas with his family. He enjoyed a deer hunt at Zapata while here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Muller, accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Phil Granjean, and little grandson, left yesterday for Mexico City, after a short stay in the city returning from Los Angeles.

Announcements.

The church will meet Thursday afternoon at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. J. Sorrell.

Mrs. Cuff, hostess at the K. of C. Hall at Fort McIntosh, is planning to give a carnival for the soldiers on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the hall. She will be assisted in entertaining by a number of ladies from town. Many attractions will be in evidence, such as fish ponds, fortune-telling booths, etc. Candies will be donated through the Woman's Club.

Wedding Announcement.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Dolores, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Barrera to Mr. Manuel Silva. The wedding will occur in the Catholic church in Nuevo Laredo, Monday evening, December 22nd at 7 o'clock.

Club Notes.

The Heights Civic Club held a short business session at the Heights school house yesterday afternoon. There was no election of officers on account of the small attendance of members. The meeting was called in order to arrange some kind of small Christmas treat for the pupils of the Heights school. The club will not be able to give the children a Christmas tree this year, as they have done for the past three years.

Sunbeam Band.

The Sunbeam Band met at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon and was under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Guinn. Owing to the absence of a number of the members, Mrs. Guinn talked to the children about Christmas and the Orphans Home box, and did not have the regular missionary program.

Junior Auxiliary.

The Junior Auxiliary met at the Rectory yesterday afternoon and accomplished quite a good bit of work on doll dresses, quilt and scrap book, under the direction of Mrs. C. W. Cook. The regular service of hymns, prayers and roll call with missionary verses was held. After which the children turned in their birthday offerings. Mr. Cook finished telling them about Livingstone's life in Africa, which was very interesting and entertaining, and explained that Africa was known as the "Dark Continent." Those present were: Kathleen and Jack Aldridge, Joe and Teresa Fasnacht, Kellie Netzer, James and Nellie Ward, Horace, Bobby, Jack and Elinor Kehl, Elizabeth and Charline Nye, Leonard Ernst, Jack Denike, Edward and Mitchell Shady, Hunter Randolph, Marjorie Fish, Margaret and Bertha Bodet.

Elizabeth Powell, Mary and Ralph Cook and Ethel Puster.

Tuesday Bridge Club.

Mrs. E. J. Foster entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club and other guests very delightfully yesterday afternoon at bridge. The rooms were attractively decorated with red roses and quantities of lovely ferns. In the rounds of bridge played the club prize was won by Mrs. Asher Smith, who was given a bonfire set, while the guest prize, a breakfast set, went to Mrs. J. S. Penn. A delicious salad course followed the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames E. H. Buentz, Chuck, Bobbitt, Hiatt, J. C. Martin, A. R. Vidaurri, Vidales, A. Smith, T. A. Leyendecker and Shiner; guests—Mesdames J. B. DaCamara, A. B. Muller, G. W. Derby, J. S. Penn, Colbern, Fish, A. S. Williams, Morrow, J. R. Moore, Sam Withoff, J. S. Denike and L. A. Lafon.

The Posadas.

The list of the "posadas," the first of which was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Dominguez, with the committees in charge, follows:

Wednesday—Mrs. Lafon and Mrs. Martin, Misses Lamar Leyendecker, Sara Vidaurri, Anita Mullally and Evelyn Rodriguez.

Thursday—Mrs. Vidaurri and Mrs. Leyendecker, Misses Elvira Sanchez, Ofelia Sanchez, Felipita Sanchez and Eloisa Cardenas.

Friday—Mrs. Penn and Mrs. Bruni, Misses Endella Rodriguez, Lala Guajardo, Virginia and Esther Penn.

Saturday—Mrs. Aguilar, Mrs. Garza Varela and Mrs. Garza Cantu, Misses Elvira Garza, Genoveva Garza, Cuquita Zuniga, Consuelo Saenz and Clotilde Saldaña.

Sunday—Mrs. Anita Ortiz, Mrs. Bruna Puig, Mrs. Antonia G. de Gonzalez and Mrs. Juvenicia S. de la Garza, Misses Angela Orilla and Fidele de la Garza.

Monday—Mrs. Garcia de Treviño and Mrs. Maria de Tejada, Misses Ofelia Garcia, Maria Henry, Carolina Henry and Marina Avila.

Tuesday—Mrs. Mae de la Garza, Mrs. Maria C. de Guardiola and Mrs. Berta Alexander, Misses Raquel Erhardt, Carolina Cavazos, Lucinda de la Garza and Raquel Garza Gonsora.

Should Be Quarantined.

Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the diseases, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure the sooner one rids himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you catch a cold.

To Release American Goods.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Great Britain is prepared to release American owned goods seized during the war upon the establishment of their American ownership at the time the goods were shipped, the state department is advised by the British foreign office.

SUPERSTITIOUS WERE ASTONISHED WHEN THE WORLD FAILED TO COME TO AN END

Much Touted Catastrophe Turned Out a Fizzle, and Mother Earth is Rocking Along Serenely in Her Orbit—Astrologers and Those Versed in Witchcraft had Predicted the Last of the World.

ASKED CUMMINS TO WITHDRAW HIS BILL

GOMPERS AND RAILWAY EMPLOYEES WANT GOVERNMENT CONTROL GIVEN PEACE TIME TRIAL.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Protesting against the enactment of the Cummins railroad bill, Samuel Gompers and representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, together with spokesmen for some farmers' organizations, urged Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee to withdraw the measure and give government operation of the roads a fair and thorough peace time test.

WILL FURNISH FOOD TO RELIEVE AUSTRIA

FOOD WORTH OVER EIGHT MILLIONS TO BE SENT MONTHLY TO HUNGRY PEOPLE.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 17.—After further consideration today of Austria's requirements for relief of her distressing food conditions, the supreme council decided it was necessary to furnish food worth over eight million francs monthly.

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Can't Prohibit Imports.

London, Dec. 17.—The government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey of the king's bench division today to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, and therefore its proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the government.

Killed by Explosion.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Forty-three workmen and women were killed and more than 100 injured in an explosion at Mariensiel ammunition depot, near Wilhelmshafen, today. The explosion occurred while shells were being unloaded.

Claim Capture of Kiev.

London, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Khabansk, southeast of Kharkov, are claimed in a Moscow Bolshevik wireless.

SAVE PRINT PAPER.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—An appeal to the publishers of the country to exercise all possible economy in the use of news print paper was issued today by the house postoffice committee, which decided to defer for six months action in the Anthony bill proposing that daily newspapers containing more than 24 pages be denied second class mailing privileges. Voluntary co-operation of the publishers would obviate the necessity of repressive government action, said the committee's statement.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Thursday partly cloudy to cloudy. Weather somewhat warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 43 degs.
Max. temp. 51 degs.
General direction of wind: North-east.
Cloudy.

BAILEY MUST PAY UP ARIZONA LAND TAXES

CLAIM OF EXEMPTION DISALLOWED AND THE OWNERS MUST PAY \$95,000 TO THE STATE.

By Associated Press.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Joseph W. Bailey, former senator from Texas, and his son Weldon and several other Texans must pay back taxes to Arizona to the amount of \$95,000, the court decided in the Baca Float No. 5 case, involving a land grant of 100,000 acres. The defendants claimed they were exempt from taxes for 1913 and 1914 because the survey of the grant was not then on file.

RHODE ISLAND NOW JOINS IN ANTI FIGHT

WANTS TO BEGIN TEST SUIT ON THE VALIDITY OF THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rhode Island, through its attorney general, today asked the supreme court for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the national prohibition amendment.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

McKenzie King, recently named as the successor of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the leadership of the Canadian Liberal party, is 45 years old today.

General Pershing is scheduled to pay a visit of inspection today to Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, O.

The annual convention of the Tri-State Packers' Association will meet at Philadelphia today for a two-day session.

Problems of vital importance to the creamery industry are to be discussed by the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' Association, meeting today at Portland.

A new passenger service between New York and Hamburg, to be conducted under the American flag, will be inaugurated today with the departure of the steamship Manchuria from New York.

The sentence of Mrs. Lovice Thompson, who was to have been hanged at Kingston, Ont., today for the murder of her husband, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Sir William Hearst, who has recently retired from the premiership of Ontario, is to be given a testimonial banquet by his friends and political followers in Toronto tonight.

Governor Smith of New York has invited State officials, legislative leaders, financiers and representatives of commercial and other organizations to confer in Albany today on the future policy to be pursued by the State of New York with regard to the building and maintenance of highways.

Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the effect.

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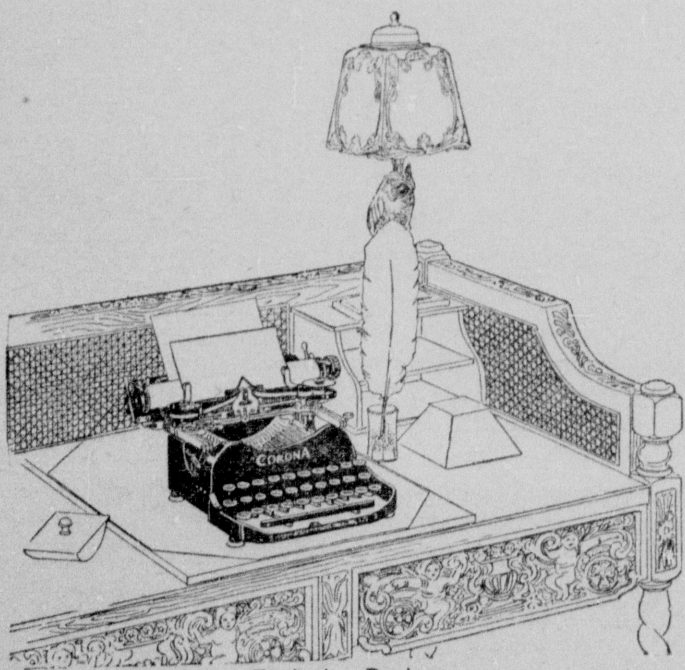
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From Thursday's Daily.

FOOLISH PREDICTIONS.

It seems strange that people in this day and age believe in the predictions of astrologers, soothsayers and fortune tellers, but that they do is proved by the widespread panic over the prediction that the world would come to an end yesterday when several planets were in conjunction.

Little by little we are outgrowing our belief in the beneficent or baleful influence of the planets upon ourselves or the globe on which we live. The ancients paid much attention to horoscopes, and the Chaldeans were the first people of whom we have any record who were learned in astrology, and who believed in what has come to be known as astrology.

Given a person's birth date, these ancients could figure out what his nature would be as he grew up and what trade or profession he should follow; what he should beware of, and what would be likely to exercise a beneficent influence upon him.

And it was not until recent years that it was discovered that the "science" was based upon false premises; that the planets exercise no influence whatever upon us, and that with the exception of the sun, which gives us light and heat, there is no other heavenly body that has the slightest effect upon us. Even the moon, that familiar planet which is said to favor sweethearts, no longer is believed to have any influence whatever upon mankind, or upon the crops we grow. No longer do we talk of a dry moon or a wet one, or plant root crops in the dark of the moon and crops which bear their fruits above the soil in the light quarters.

That is, "we," meaning the majority of the people of any education whatever, have cast aside the old superstitions and have come to regard them as unscientific and unworthy of credence.

But there are still many who hold to the old faith, and who shudder when some astrologer mysteriously speaks of the planets and their conjunction or opposition. They look upon comets as heavenly messengers sent to warn an unbelieving world of the wrath to come, and they see portents in every varying phase of the moon.

So when these "learned" men said such a conjunction of planets had never before been known since the world was evolved out of star dust and that this portended the most serious results for our terrestrial globe, the credulous believed them, just as the uneducated have always believed those with a smattering of learning.

opened!" And some told the tale of a prophetess, verified, such as the "cent world war, the earthquake at Messina, the invention of airplanes and other things which it seems have been prophesied for centuries.

Should the end of the world come within the lifetime of these people, they will insist it was only a mistake in the date, but they will declare that it was anticipated and forecast by those who "read the stars."

Should they die—as in all probability they will—before the final day comes, they will persist with their dying breath in warning others that the day has been fixed and that we cannot get away from what the stars tell.

When the various comets of the past few years have been reported, each time there was a prediction that the earth was to come in contact with the dread visitor and be consumed by fire. Yet not one of these dire prophecies has come to pass.

Astronomers are still divided as to what effect the sun storms have upon our planet, but as it takes some years for a ray of light to pass from the sun to our planet, it is likely that by the time we see these storms they have been over and done with long ago. And yet nothing untoward has happened.

We may be pardoned for our incredulity when we say that we do not believe in any of these predictions. Those most versed in the study of astronomy have given out no warning that the end is coming, and until they do we cannot believe it is coming that way.

A QUEER SITUATION.

We are facing a queer situation in the matter of wheat and flour. We are forced to pay a high price for flour because the government guaranteed a certain price for the wheat, and it is only a short time since certain elements in congress wanted the guarantee made for another year.

Last year we had the biggest wheat crop in the history of the world, and had it not been for the government guarantee, the price would have broken to a reasonable point, and the people would have had cheaper flour.

Meanwhile, the grain corporation proceeded to buy up—with the people's money—enormous stocks of wheat and flour, which were held in reserve, and which helped to make our flour stable at the price fixed by the grain corporation and the food administration.

Now it turns out that the surplus on hand is so great that the recommendation is made to sell wheat and flour on credit to Finland, Poland, Austria and other hungry nations of Central Europe. And it is a practical certainty that the price of wheat and flour to those nations will be less than what we are charged at home.

This is altruism with a vengeance. We are put on an allowance for more than a year, and a short allowance at that; we are forced to use substitutes, and by no means agreeable substitutes; we are charged the highest price for flour that has ever been known in a civilized country outside of the war-ridden countries of Europe; our good money is taken to capitalize a corporation that is formed for the purpose of hoarding, something which we common people must not do under penalty of the law; and finally, while we are still paying an exorbitant price for flour and other wheat products, the surplus which our money bought and paid for is to be sold abroad at less than we can buy it for at home!

Economy is a good thing and should be practiced by nations as well as individuals. But stinting ourselves of food and paying high prices for what we are permitted to use, in order that the surplus may be sold to nations who would not lift a finger to prevent our starving, and even to nations with whom we were at war—and technically still are—would seem to be the most topsy-turvy of many strange acts.

At any rate, the people now know that there is no reason for \$2.25 wheat the coming year. They will expect a reasonable price for their staff of life, and if they don't get it there will be a howl that could be heard from Dan to Beersheba. Especially as our altruistic food administration and grain corporation are going to sell our surplus abroad at a reduced price—and for a debased currency, it is presumed, for the nations in question have no gold reserve and no products to trade for gold.

It is becoming painfully evident that government control, no matter how imperative in war time, is anything but satisfactory in peace time. And if anything else were needed to demonstrate the senselessness of continuing government control of the railroads for two years more it would be the knowledge that the people have been gouged in the matter of food.

Government control of sugar seems to be the only thing that has not been managed so as to force the people to pay more than a thing is worth, and, judging by the recent price fixed by the sugar equalization board as being permissible, that too is going the same road as the railroads and the food administration.

Behind all this we are searching for the nigger in the woodpile. There is someone who has profited by all this, whether the government knew this, or not. For with such prices continuing up to the present time, a year after the necessity for saving wheat has passed, it stands to reason that

the miller points to his cost sheets and the prices allowed by the government for a justification of his dealings; the baker shows that he has made but a trifling profit with bread at the loaf. And yet wheat can now be sold at a lower price than was paid for it!

FATHER HECKER CENTENARY.

New York, Dec. 18.—The centenary of the birth of Father Isaac T. Hecker, who was among the distinguished priests of the last century, will be widely observed today in Catholic church circles. Father Hecker is best remembered as the founder and first superior of the Congregation of the Missionary Priests of St. Paul the Apostle, more familiarly known as the Paulist Fathers. He was a native of New York and of Protestant birth. He early took an interest in social reform movements and for a time was a member of the celebrated Brook Farm Community. He was received into the Catholic church in 1844 and for eleven years after his ordination he was connected with the Redemptorist order. Father Hecker was the founder of the Catholic Publication Society and was the author of several important religious works. His death occurred in this city in 1889.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 18.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, noted clergyman, author, and editor, born at Roxbury, Mass., 84 years ago today.

Francis Burton Harrison, Governor-General of the Philippines, born in New York, 45 years ago today.

Rt. Rev. John Grimes, Catholic bishop of Syracuse, born in County Limerick, Ireland, 67 years ago today.

Brig. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz, American representative on the Inter-Allied Military Commission to Hungary, born at Constantine, Mich., 55 years ago today.

Tyrus R. Cobb, outfielder of the Detroit American league baseball team, born at Royston, Ga., 33 years ago today.

WANTED—A TOWN CRIER.

Any one with good lungs and a little ambition can find a job that offers a leisurely outdoor life at Trowbridge, England. The urban authorities are advertising for a town crier. The salary is \$5 a year and the official is to be provided with a picturesque livery. He will receive a fee of two shillings every time his services are required.

THE PROLONGED WET SPELL IS FAVORABLE TO FARMERS

ONLY TWO DAYS OF REAL COLD WEATHER PREVAILED HERE.

Besides the Farmers, the Stockmen Are Happy Over Conditions That Made Ranges What They Are.

The present spell of disagreeable weather appears to be hanging on with a tenacity that forebodes its breaking up with one of those blizzards that generally show about this time of year following a long damp spell. While the weather conditions have been damp and slightly chilly the past three or four days following the cold spell of last Saturday and Sunday, it has not been what can be termed a prolonged cold spell, for the dampness is mostly to blame for the disagreeable condition of the atmosphere the past few days.

Light rains have been recorded since Tuesday, but they have been more of a misting rain than a regular rain, for very little precipitation has been registered and at no time has a good rain fallen in the past three days in Laredo and the surrounding country. The present spell of damp weather is favorable for growing vegetation and crops are in fine condition for the winter.

While the farmers have benefited from the heavy rains that have visited the Laredo section the past year (50 inches or more) the stockmen are also in their glory, for all the ranges are carpeted with nutritious grasses and cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, goats and other live stock are in more wholesome condition just now than at any previous year for twenty years or more, and as live stock are quoted on the market at this time at the highest prices in history the stockman has good reasons to wear broad smiles and feel happy and contented.

Death of Ruben Villareal.

Ruben Villareal, aged 53 years and a resident of Lampazos, Mexico, died at Mercy hospital this forenoon at 11:30 o'clock, having recently undergone an operation. Deceased was well and favorably known in Laredo, where he frequently visited as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Matias de Llano, and also made his home in Laredo for a while. Besides his daughter, Mrs. de Llano, deceased is survived by his wife and also several children, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place from the residence of Matias de Llano, 1012 Salinas Avenue, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, going to cemetery.

Splendid Cough Medicine.

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES.

"Vagabond Luck" at Royal.

Those who love a good laugh for their health's sake will welcome another of those airy, snappy comedy dramas presenting the sprightly young comedian, Albert Ray, with his pretty co-star, Elinor Fair, for the Royal Theatre, tonight. This photoplay is "Vagabond Luck"—Vagabond being an old racer whose marvellous streak of luck—which comes about in a most unusual and laughable manner—works as the final bond between two young hearts. If the story pictures as well as it promises, it will be a delightful bit of entertainment. It is a William Fox production.

"The Heart of Humanity" at Strand. "The Heart of Humanity," to be seen Christmas at the Strand Theatre, limns on the gray background of the last days of the conflict, a tender and appealing romance of loyal love and unswerving devotion. The whole production, from beginning to end, is fraught with the spirit of those great days when an anxious world hung breathlessly upon word from the seething battle front in Flanders. It reflects the hush that fell upon civilization when the forces of humanity came to final grip with the ruthless night of autocracy, and it echoes the great cry of joy that sounded round the world when the Hun line crumbled before the Allied attack and fled backward toward the sheltering frontiers of Germany to sue for peace.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight and Friday unsettled; local rains. Local Weather Report. The following are the observations taken at Port McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Max. temp. 52 degs. Min. temp. 47 degs. General direction of wind: North-east. Cloudy.

INTEREST STILL UNABATED IN THE DUVAL COUNTY FIELD

STILL WAITING TO LEARN WHAT THE EMPIRE CO. HAS HID.

Indications Are a Big Gusher Is Held in Leash; Interest in Other Fields is Fast Increasing Now.

While very little information is given out concerning the prospective big gusher of the Empire Oil Co. near Benavides, it is learned that the well down in Duval county has been cemented and cased and will be "turned loose" at the opportune moment, when it is expected to be a producer of 1,000 barrels per day or better of a high quality of petroleum.

The drillers and others at the well are giving out no information whatever, it is reported, but the fact that the well has been cased and preparation for heavy production is being made by building tanks, etc., would indicate that the early part of 1920 will find Duval county in a proven oil field—a field that will do better than having pump wells—and that within a short time thereafter a rush for the new field will ensue. Many land-owners in Duval county are leasing their land for oil and gas rights at a handsome figure just now, and this also indicates the prospect of "big doings" soon in the Duval county oil field.

The report from the Empire well there has stimulated interest in the impending oil development work that is to be done in Webb, Jim Hogg and Zapata counties, and preparations are now under way to rush drilling operations in all three fields as soon as the necessary material can be put on the ground, and in Zapata county, already a proven oil field, work on the deep test well of the Webb-Zapata Oil Co. will be pushed forward as fast as possible.

SEVERAL CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Among Cases Tried Was That Against Four Delinquent Youngsters, Who Go to State Training School.

In the district court yesterday evening shortly before 6 o'clock the jury in the case of Emilio Rodriguez, the chauffeur charged with violation of the automobile laws, whose case was called in the morning, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the chauffeur's punishment at four months in the county jail. This made two chauffeurs drawing jail terms yesterday, the other pleading guilty and being given fifteen days in the county jail.

The case of Juan Hernandez, charged with theft under \$50, was taken up for trial this morning. The defendant was found guilty by the jury and her punishment assessed at four months confinement in the county jail.

In the case of the State vs. Sahitago Cantu, charged with theft under \$50, the jury gave the defendant 30 days in the county jail.

The cases against Jose Perez, Jesus Cuesta Ortiz, Felipe Cisneros and Jose Maria Tellez, all boys under 17 years of age and charged with being delinquents who have committed numerous felonies, including the burglarizing of several homes, were tried this morning and the defendants were given four years each in the State Training School for Boys.

SHOPPING IN FULL BLAST AND STORES ARE CROWDED

Next Few Days Will Be Lively Ones For Business Establishments of Laredo Carrying Christmas Goods.

Notwithstanding the condition of the streets at this time and the fact that a misting rain has been falling almost steadily during the past three days, Christmas shoppers through the various establishments of Laredo having suitable articles for Christmas gifts on sale.

Many of the places of business are liberally patronized throughout the day, the shoppers beginning to arrive early in the morning soon after the stores open and the influx continuing until nightfall. Saturday night, which will be the last Saturday before Christmas, promises to see the stores of the city veritably thronged with people, as many salaried men will make their purchases for their kiddies and loved ones generally on that day.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY

County Schools Take Two Weeks Vacation, While City Schools Will Only Take Ten-Day Vacation.

The various schools in the rural districts of Webb county will close for the holidays tomorrow and remain closed until Monday morning, January 5, giving teachers and pupils two weeks in which to enjoy their vacations.

The city schools of the Laredo Independent School District will not take their holiday recess until noon of December 24, and will then remain in recess until the morning of January 5, 1920, giving the teachers and pupils ten days time in which to enjoy their holiday vacation. The convent schools of the city will also close next week for the holidays.

PRINCE RUPERT TERCEN-TENARY.

London, Dec. 18.—The three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Prince Rupert of Bavaria will be observed today by historical and other societies both in England and on the Continent, and very likely in far-off British Columbia, where the memory of the "Mad Cavalier" is perpetuated by the flourishing city that bears his name.

Of all the figures, Roundheads of Cavaliers, in the civil war in England, by which Charles I lost his life, the most picturesque was Prince Rupert of the Rhine. His father was Frederick, elector palatine, who became king of Bavaria, but the emperor of Germany removed him from his throne and confiscated his estates. Rupert's mother was Elizabeth, daughter of James I and the sister of Charles I, so that Rupert was a nephew of Charles.

The prince was 23 when the war began, and took command of a regiment of horse. He began immediately his career of unexampled activity and daring. He took town after town, slashing his way through every obstacle with an impetuosity that was irresistible. His numerous forays inflicted great damage on the parliamentary forces, whose leaders protested against his ruthless vigor. Tall, handsome and strong, Rupert was an ideal cavalry leader, but he had no special military genius or judgment, and what advantage he gained by the swiftness and ferocity of his attacks, his want of prudence made him unable to retain and utilize.

The first big battle was that of Edgehill, and at the head of the cavalry Rupert dashing down upon the enemy with his ringing battle cry of "For God and the King," swept everything before him. But as the parliamentary soldiers fled he rashly seized all the cavalry of the king, and, leaving the monarch in danger of capture or death, sped on after the foe.

By the time he could return the king's army had been in peril of annihilation. As it was, it was a drawn battle, but the road was open to London. Yet the king hesitated to permit Rupert to move on to the city.

The kind of man that was certain to defeat Rupert when they met was Oliver Cromwell, who was as fierce a fighter in offence as Rupert and a much better one in defence, and who could take advantage of the prince's rashness. This was what happened at Marston Moor.

After scattering the rebel forces that held Newark and performing many other exploits, relieving towns besieged and capturing other towns, Moor, where if he had been as personally successful as on every other field, the royal forces would have been triumphant, and Charles would soon have resumed the undisturbed possession of his throne.

But Cromwell's Ironsides were more than a match for the hitherto matchless cavaliers of Rupert.

Once more at Naseby the fiery prince was unable to repress his impetuosity after he had driven Ireton's troopers before him, but continued to pursue, while Charles was left without support, and Cromwell practically destroyed his army.

After this Rupert held Bristol, but, being besieged, surrendered on the first attack, and for this the king dismissed him. Rupert afterward served in the English navy, and was a sailor and soldier of fortune. On the restoration he was a figure of consequence in England. His old age he devoted to scientific researches, improving the art of mezzotint engraving, inventing improvements in firearms and explosives, and producing the curious glass bubbles known as "Rupert's Drops," which if touched at their pointed end fly into a thousand splinters, but resist a hammer's blow in any other part.

NOT A ROMANCE.

The girl kept getting nearer. He smiled, but without response. Still, she kept getting nearer. It was on a street car and she had to move along as the seat filled up.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES.

"Checkers" at the Royal.

Thomas J. Carrigan, one of the best known actors on the screen or stage, celebrated his war release from the navy by re-entering the motion picture field. His first play is on the Continent, and very likely in far-off British Columbia, where the memory of the "Mad Cavalier" is perpetuated by the flourishing city that bears his name.

"Checkers" is taken from the racing melodrama of that name and was directed by Richard Stanton. Mr. Carrigan has had a notable career. A year ago he played in the leading role in "Mother Carey's Chickens" at the Cort Theatre in New York, and also played opposite Lionel Barrymore in "The Copperhead."

For years Mr. Carrigan has had an enviable position among screen actors. For a while he left motion pictures and returned to the stage. He played with Edith Wynne Mathison in "The Deadlock" and was under the direction of David Belasco in "The Girl of the Golden West." He also played the lead in "Going Home" and was with Lew Fields in "The High Cost of Loving."

"The Heart of Humanity" at Strand.

Few among the millions of Dorothy Phillips' devotees few know that the cinema player is the mother of a four-year-old girl and one of the most domestic of wives. It is from her own experience, therefore, that Miss Phillips' enactment of the role of Nanette in "The Heart of Humanity" her newest picture and her greatest, is drawn. In "The Heart of Humanity," which Allen Holubar has produced as a multiple-reel document of humanity based on heart incident in the great overseas conflict.

As Nanette, Miss Phillips is the mother-heart emblematic. Too, she is the inspirational force, the representation of the woman spirit of the world that has won the war for civilization and has saved thousands on thousands of lives that for lack of the succor of the Red Cross, might have passed away on the battlefield. "The Heart of Humanity" will be shown at the Strand Theatre on Christmas Day.

NOTHING FITTED.

A gentleman went into a hat shop to have his silk hat ironed. While he stood there alone and bareheaded, another man rushed in with his hat in his hand, and, supposing the first customer to be an attendant, angrily confronted him.

"See here," he said, "this hat doesn't fit!"

"The bareheaded one eyed the stranger critically from head to foot, and then said:—

"Well, neither does your coat. What's more, if you'll pardon my saying so, I can't say I quite like the color of your trousers."—Edinburg Scotsman.

Net Quail in Thousands.

In the Mediterranean no bird is better known than the quail from the Spanish littoral to the Arabian hill-sides. Twice a year it passes over the great inland sea, northward in spring and southward in September and October. Its coming is quite a festival, and many an outstanding bill and many a peasant's overdue rent is paid at its expense.

When it goes northward in May to its nesting place in middle Europe the sandy Italian sea beaches are lined in the line of its flight with fine netting loosely held up by stakes, and the unhappy little quails, flying low over the sea, plunge into these and are securely held by the falling meshes. No fewer than 17,000 have been received in Rome in one day and in the small island of Dapri, near Naples, 160,000 are sometimes taken in a season.—Detroit News.

Two Things to Explain.

The trophy for absent-mindedness goes to Harold. He took his fiancée to the picture show house the other night and left her standing in the lobby while he went to the ticket window.

"One ticket, please," he said. A little later, when the girl trailed him through the entrance, the doorman asked him how he had expected to do it.

"But I had a harder time explaining to the girl that she really was an important item in the evening's program."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

As late as 1878 Portugal had a law forbidding widows above the age of 50 to marry.

The poorest Arab women paint her eyes with kohl, to make them appear larger and more brilliant.

A Kansas telephone company official complains that women seem unable to learn how to use the telephone properly.

A young woman who opened a tea-room in New York city after leaving college is said to be making \$30,000 a year out of her venture.

The Toronto (Ont.) Presbytery has decided to allow women to occupy the pulpits and take full charge of the services on one Sunday of the year.

This first woman to obtain the degree of a Doctor of Law in France was Mile, Sarmisa Dilcesco, a Roumanian by birth, who attained the distinction in 1890.



—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of copper, one carload of iron, two carloads of lead and one carload of silver.

—Christmas shopping is the order of the day in Laredo just now and in order to accommodate those who can not attending to this work during the daytime many of the business establishments of Laredo are preparing to keep "open house" until about 10 p.m. beginning Monday and up to and including Christmas eve.

—The postoffice and express company are fully aware of the near approach of Christmas by the volume of packages coming into Laredo for delivery to those to whom addressed. Quite a large number of packages are likewise rolling out of here on every train by mail and express.

—District court will continue in session up to Christmas eve, and then resume its work the day following Christmas. The criminal docket for the term is now on trial and will continue until all the cases set for trial are finally disposed of.

QUICK RESPONSE FIREMEN SAVED SANITARY GROCERY

Fire at 1 O'Clock This Morning Was Under Good Headway When Fire Department Reached the Scene.

An alarm of fire was sounded at 1 o'clock this morning for the Second ward, the fire being in the Sanitary Grocery in the Alexander building on Lincoln street. The fire apparatus rushed to the scene and saved the building and its contents, as a fairly good blaze was under way.

The fire originated in the office near the telephone and a partition between the store and office was badly charred and some other minor damage done, but the greatest damage was necessarily done by water. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

DECEMBER 18.

1819—Isaac Thomas Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, born in New York City. Died there, Dec. 22, 1888.

1869—Louis Moreau Gottschalk, a brilliant pianist and composer, died at this date, December 18, 1911, at New Orleans, May 8, 1829.

1870—Assembly of German princes presented the king of Prussia with an address requesting him to become emperor.

1877—The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Springfield, Ill., was organized.

1894—M. Brisson was elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies.

1914—British protectorate claimed throughout Egypt.

1915—Great Britain sent single men of the new volunteers, from 19 to 22 years old, to the colors.

1916—French recovered Chambray near Verdun and repelled attacks near Peronne.

1917—Ten persons killed in a German air raid on London.

HOUSE BOATS VS. PROFITEERS.

A London newspaper suggests that house boats are a possible means of reducing the housing problems. A house boat moored up the Thames in summer would serve as a country house, and towed down and moored between Waterloo and Charing Cross bridges, it would prove a convenient winter home. The anchorage fee is only seven shillings and sixpence, the paper adds. The price of construction, heating and repairs is not mentioned!

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

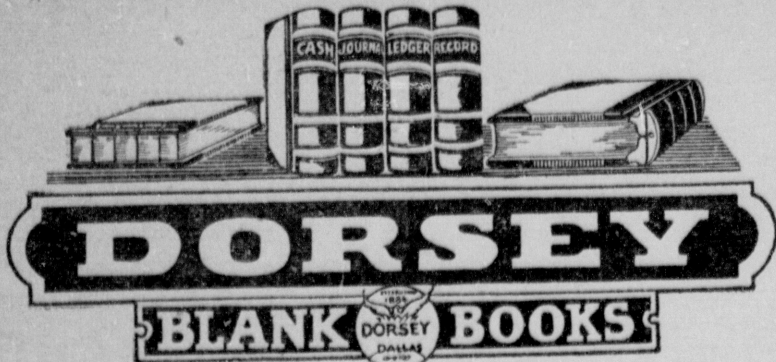
DECEMBER 18.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, who enters upon his eighty-fifth year today, has been famed as a clergyman, author, and editor for upwards of half a century, and is still numbered among the active workers. Dr. Abbott is a native of Massachusetts and comes of a New England family which has contributed to American literature through several generations. After completing his studies at New York University, in 1853, he took up law, but soon abandoned that profession to enter the Congregational ministry. His first pastorate was in Terre Haute, Ind., where he remained from 1860 to 1865. In the latter year he went to New York and in 1869 he succeeded Henry Beecher as pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. The decade that he occupied the Plymouth Church pulpit Dr. Abbott became widely famed as a preacher. In later years he has added to his reputation by his work as an author and as editor-in-chief of one of the prominent magazines.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.
The Blue Birds will meet with Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
Saturday.
Dance at the Soldiers Club in the evening.

General Mention.
Mr. Eugene George of Houston will be among the holiday visitors in the city and will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. A. Cone of North Laredo.

Misses Ruth and Eva Scratchley arrive in the city today from Zapata to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Flanagan will leave today for Henderson, Texas, to spend the holidays with her parents, General and Mrs. Webster Flanagan.

Miss Mary Louise Cone will arrive from San Antonio on Saturday to

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spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cone of North Laredo.

Mrs. Grover Nye will spend the holidays in Dilley, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Newman.

Mrs. M. T. Cogley left last night for San Antonio. On her return she will be accompanied by little Miss Rosita Barlow, who will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DeWolf left yesterday for Dallas to spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Ruth Murphy returned on Wednesday from a pleasant trip to San Antonio and Brownsville.

Arthur Werner arrived yesterday from San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Sam Johnson arrived yesterday from San Antonio for the holidays. Judge and Mrs. D. McNeill Turner will leave tomorrow for Corpus Christi to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. John T. Parker and little granddaughter, Iona Lee Parker, left this morning for San Antonio to return with her grand-daughter, Anita Parker, who is coming home to spend the holidays.

Announcement.
Troop Number 2, Boy Scouts of Laredo, will hold their regular meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock in Scout Hall. All Scouts urged to be present.

Burrows-Correu.
Miss Mary Correu and Mr. Louis Burrows were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Correu, on Wednesday evening. Rev. A. P. Beddoe performing the ceremony. Only the members of the family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows went to San Antonio for a short stay.

Dance.
The bachelor officers of Fort McIntosh entertained with a delightfully informal dance at the officers' club on Wednesday evening, honoring the Condren-Nelson bridal party and other guests. The 37th Infantry orchestra furnished the music and dancing was enjoyed until the midnight hour.

Honoring Bridal Party.
One of the attractive affairs of the week was the delightful party given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson Tuesday evening, honoring the Condren-Nelson bridal party. The home was attractively decorated in pink roses and ferns. A pleasant series of games of bridge was enjoyed, followed by a salad course, after which the gifts of the bride and groom to the bridal party were presented. Miss Anita Johnson, maid of honor, received a beautiful blue ostrich feather fan. The matron of honor, Mrs. Albert Martin, was presented with a lovely bouquet of orchids and roses, with corsage pin. The men were given sterling silver monogrammed match cases. Those enjoying the gracious hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Muller, Mrs. Barlow, Miss Anita Johnson, Miss Marguerite Nelson, Lieut. Snider, Captains Condren and Zupanni, Mr. Lawrence Nelson and the host and hostess.

Thursday Bridge Club.
The Thursday Bridge Club and additional guests were delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon by Miss Josephine Sauvignat. The rooms were effectively decorated in beautiful poinsettia, the Christmas flower, and ferns. In the rounds of bridge played the club prize was won

by Mrs. Joseph and the guest prize by Mrs. Kyce, both being given attractive hand-embroidered dresser scarfs. A delicious two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those who enjoyed the pleasant hospitality were: Club members—Misses Eva Levi, Annie and Frances Alexander, Maria Mowry, Lucille Murphy, Helen and Kathryn MacGregor, Mesdames O'Meara, Joe Moser and Joseph; guests—Miss Julia Schultz and Mesdames T. A. Leyendecker, J. C. Martin, E. H. Sauvignat, Kyce, B. B. Buck, George Kennedy, A. H. Sloyd and A. R. Vidaurri.

Married Ladies Social Club.
Mrs. J. H. Davis entertained with a delightful bridge party yesterday afternoon, complimenting the members of the Married Ladies Social Club and other guests. Christmas greens and poinsettias were used in the house decorations, prettily heralding the charming holiday season. In the games of bridge played, the club prize, a silver vase of gold, was awarded Mrs. Brennan. Consolation was cut by Mrs. J. W. Brewster, who received an art pottery nut bowl. A delicious two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames Austin, Cogley, Barlow, Biggio, Brewster, Christen, Derby, Fish, MacGregor, McComb, Vidales, Young, Huberich and Hall; guests—Mesdames Colbern, Jefferies, Boniger, Brennan, Gill, Seymour, Penn, Foster, McVicar, Williams and Mally.

Missionary Meeting.
Circle A. W. M. U. of the Baptist church, were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. C. C. Burr in North Laredo yesterday, when they held their regular missionary meeting. The meeting opened with prayer, followed by a solo by Mrs. A. F. Beddoe. The Bible study was conducted by Mrs. Miller. Mrs. C. C. Burr made a special offering, as it was the anniversary of her baptism. A delightful social hour was enjoyed after the Bible lesson and Mrs. J. M. Burr and Mrs. Whyte were welcomed into the circle. The hostess served delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate during the afternoon. Those present were: Miss Flanagan and Mesdames J. M. Burr, Bergman, Horner, Bell, Ince, Miller, Jennings, Trout, Beddoe and Whyte. The visitors of the afternoon were Mrs. C. W. Nye, Mrs. Grover Nye and Mrs. W. A. Cone.

PERSONALS

Hon. Wilbur P. Allen arrived here this morning from Austin and left for his ranch near Hebronville.

Oscar Thompson arrived here last night from a hunting trip near Encinal and left this morning for his home at Hebronville.

Adjutant General W. S. Cope arrived in the city this morning from Austin and left for Brownsville. He was met here by Captains Will Wright and Joe Brooks, who accompanied him on the trip to the lower country.

Should Be Quarantined.
Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure the sooner one rid himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 19.
Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, born in Quebec, 66 years ago today.
Reginald Vanderbilt, millionaire sportsman, born in New York City, 39 years ago today.
Maria L. Sanford, for many years a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, born at Old Saybrook, Conn., 83 years ago today.
Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske, one of the most noted actresses of the American stage, born in New Orleans, 54 years ago today.
Eleanor H. Porter, author of the "Pollyanna" stories, born at Littleton, N. H., 51 years ago today.

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It is the policy of the Auto Supply Co. to keep adding to our present facilities until it becomes the most efficient Auto Supply and Tire Shop on the Border. We keep adding the latest and most up-to-date dispensers and appliances to be had. The Auto Supply Co. to-day are the leaders in their line, and still improving.

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Our customers will have the benefit of the best equipped and most efficient Auto Supply and Tire Shop on the Border, by getting the best service in the shortest time at a price unequalled in this section.

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Do not use Hydrated Lime for Sanitary purposes as it is worthless.

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W. L. GUYLER, Manager

Phone 1038

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

The Ford Model T One Ton Truck with its manganese bronze worm-drive is really a necessity for the farmer because it solves his problem of economic transportation from the farm to the city. And in farm work alone, it will be found a great money saver as well as a big labor saver. Has all the merits of the Ford car multiplied by greater capacity with greater strength. No extra cost in operation. We'd like to talk it over with every farmer. Bring your Ford car to us for necessary repairs and thus get the genuine Ford parts and reliable Ford workmanship.

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ANOTHER MURDER.

Many years ago an English official was murdered by Irish "patriots" in Phoenix Park, Dublin, under peculiarly atrocious circumstances. The dead man was not particularly objectionable to the Irish, but he represented the British government, and that was enough, in the minds of the men who hated that government, to sign his death warrant.

Now comes the news that the present Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Viscount French, was the object of a murderous assault in which a civilian was killed and a policeman wounded by a bullet, while the viscount escaped unhurt.

One reason why the sympathy of the outside world is not unreservedly on the side of the Irish cause is that from time immemorial assassination has been one of the weapons used by the Irish "patriots." They have murdered Englishmen, people of their own race whom they regarded as traitors and even complete strangers whom they suspected of sympathy with the British government.

Acts of the most frightful barbarity were committed by the Fenians, the "Moonlighters," the "White Boys," and other organizations who were opposed to British rule, and each act of barbarity was followed by greater severity on the part of the government.

Irishmen who joined the Royal Irish Constabulary were denounced as traitors to their country, although all they did in the performance of their duty was to aid in keeping the peace.

Landholders who paid their rent to the ever-unpopular landlords were called to the door on dark nights and murdered in cold blood in sight of their wives and children.

Even the inoffensive dumb beasts were made the object of the brutal outrages, and cows were found by their owners in the morning, after one of the demonstrations of the "moonlighters," with their tails cut off and suffering from other inhuman acts.

Naturally this aroused indignation all over the world, and as no one could see what the perpetrators of these acts could hope to gain from them, the Irish cause suffered a loss of prestige.

There was loyalty and bravery displayed in the various armed rebellions against British rule which called for the admiration of those who were not even interested in the success of the Irish movement. The men who died bravely on the scaffold were heroes to this day for their proclaimed independence of foreign despotism and their willingness to die for it.

But no one, outside of Ireland, has ever believed in the methods of assassination and midnight murder as a means to a political end nowadays. At least, no one did until this attack on the lord lieutenant, who is guilty only of being an official of the British government.

It may be that some of the Irish leaders will accuse their opponents of attempting the murder of the official in the hope of discrediting the Irish cause. But no one who has read the history of the blood-stained little Green Isle will doubt for a moment that some "inspired patriot" has attempted this latest outrage, and that no matter how much the chiefs of the Sinn Fein movement may deplore such violence, it was committed in the hope of furthering the rebel cause.

It may lead to acts of repression, although the British government has long since seen the futility and the needless cruelty of punishing a whole people for the criminal acts of a few.

If the assassins are handed over to justice, it will go a long way toward demonstrating the justice of the rebel cause and proving that the new Irish leaders are really actuated by patriotic motives and not by class or race hatred.

Viscount French is to be congratulated on his escape, and should take heed of his ways for some time to come. Although his natural bravery, which even his enemies cannot impugn, perhaps will not permit him to be cautious.

CASE WAS CONTINUED ON APPLICATION DEFENDANT

Merced de la Cruz, Charged With Statutory Crime, Asks Time to Ascertain Age of the Plaintiff.

This morning in the district court here the case of the State of Texas vs. Merced de la Cruz, charged with a statutory crime, was called for trial and, upon the first application of the defendant for a continuance in order to give him time to ascertain the age of the girl in the case by means of a certificate of baptism from Mexico, same was continued.

A special venire had been summoned from which to secure a jury to try the case, which carries a maximum penalty of death, but these were excused when the application for a continuance was granted. The case will probably be taken up for trial at the next term of the district court.

Business Change.

I have purchased the Mateo Lopez barber shop on the southside of Market plaza in the Laredo National Bank building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

JUAN LOPEZ.

MONITION.

D. L. 183: United States vs. 1 Diamond Ring, 1 Pair Diamond and Sapphire Earrings, 1 Pair Pearl and Diamond Earrings and 4 Diamond and Ruby Stick Pins. (Seizure 1570-L).

Whereas, a suit to forfeit and condemn the above described property has been filed on behalf of the United States on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1919, said property having been seized by direction of the Collector of Customs at the Port of Laredo, Texas, for the causes set forth in the libel now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, at Laredo, Texas, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said described property, or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and forfeited, and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the prayer of the libel, that they be and appear before the said Court, to be held in and for the Southern District of Texas, at the United States Court Room, in the City of Laredo, Texas, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1919, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of that day, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same, and make their allegations in that behalf.

J. A. HERRING,
U. S. Marshal S. D. T.
By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

MONITION.

D. L. 182: United States vs. 1 Pistol, Police Special, Cal. 32-20, No. 175918; 1 Pistol, Colt's Army Special, Cal. 32-20, No. 441161; 1 Pistol, Army Special, Cal. 38, No. 443956; 1 Pistol, Police Positive, Cal. 32-20; No. 178-147; 1 Pistol, Police Special, Cal. 32-20, No. 174641; 1 Pistol, Army Special, Cal. 38, No. 443022; (Seizure 1652-L). 1900 22 Cal. Cartridges; (Seizure 1644-L). 2200 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1651-L). 2300 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1652-L). 3000 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1658-L). 1000 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1667-L).

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PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS WHICH COME IN NEGATIVE WEEKS

Schools Will Be Closed, County For Two Weeks and City for Ten Days; Short Recess of District Court.

The county schools of Laredo closed for the holidays today and will not resume their sessions until Monday, January 5, while the city schools of the Laredo Independent School District will close on next Wednesday, December 24, at noon and remain in vacation until Monday morning, January 5.

District court, which is now in session here, will take a short vacation, court adjourning for Christmas on next Tuesday and remaining in vacation until Friday morning, December 26, when they will resume trial of the criminal docket and proceed until that docket is cleared.

Christmas Trees. Joe Barberio & Co. have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS WITH BIG ENTERTAINMENT

Soldier Boys at Fort McIntosh will Observe Christmas With Entertainment and Usual Big Feasts.

The soldier boys stationed at Fort McIntosh are looking forward to Christmas with much pleasure this year, as they will be given a big Christmas entertainment in which all participate and will enjoy themselves, the entertainment being given at the post by the ladies of Fort McIntosh. On Christmas Day the soldier boys will have their usual big Christmas feast and enjoy themselves in the usual way of the U. S. A. soldier on that day, a day on which all duties are laid aside and give way to pleasures of all kinds.

Notice.

Have temporarily moved to the store on Hidalgo street one door east of the People's Pharmacy.

W. R. MUTER,
12-18-121.

MORE BUILDING ACTIVITY ANNOUNCED FOR THIS CITY

NEW BUILDINGS CONSTANTLY BEING ADDED TO FUTURE LIST.

Latest Building to Be Announced is That to Be Erected on Convery Property in Business District.

The slogan, "And Still They Come," is being kept alive by Laredo in a most convincing manner by the announcement every few days that another large and modern business structure is in prospect, adding to the extensive building program that this city has in view for the coming year of 1920, which promises to witness the construction of more substantial and modern brick buildings here than in any previous year in the history of this community.

Announcement has already been made of the progress in the construction work on the modern and handsome home of the Laredo Auto Sales Co., and the National Motor Co., which are well under way; the Thalson, Lattig, Earnest and Russell building, work on which has just begun; the remodeling and enlarging of the telephone company building; the completion of the building of the Home Ice Co. and other buildings, while the Elks Lodge of this city will begin the construction of a home early in 1920 which will cost about \$75,000.

The latest announcement of another valuable acquisition to the business district of Laredo is the building which Mrs. John Convery will erect on the site at the corner of Farragut street and Juarez Avenue at present occupied by the old Convery undertaking establishment. This building is to be a modern brick structure of two stories and will cover the entire site, which is about 100x150, and will consist of two store buildings and a modern building to be used as an undertaking establishment by Undertaker Jackson. Work on this new building, which will be constructed by Contractor L. V. Jambers, is expected to begin early during the coming year and be completed before summer.

According to the official report just issued by the Texas Chamber of Commerce on building operations in Texas cities from January to September, 1919, Laredo is accredited with having issued 99 building permits for buildings valued at \$104,300, but the next report to be issued by that organization will show about twice the number of building permits and a much greater valuation, as the valuation of the buildings now under construction or planned exceed \$200,000.

CIRCULAR PROPOSAL.

Office of The Salvage Office.

Fort McIntosh, Texas; December, 18th, 1919.

Sealed proposals in TRIPPLICATE will be received at this office until 10:00 a. m. January 8th, 1920 on articles on attached list.

This material has been inspected and condemned for further use by the Government. Material will be sold "AS IS" and under no consideration will a refund or adjustment be made on account of supplies not coming up to the standard of expectation.

Attention is directed to Sections 1342 and 3743, Revised Statutes and Section 33 of Criminal Code in that no articles of outer clothing shall be resold as clothing to persons in the United States unauthorized by law to wear same unless dyed a color distinct from that of the uniform of the United States Army and Navy. Buttons bearing the coat of arms of the United States have been removed from the articles of clothing offered for sale. Attention is directed to Sections 1342 and 3743, Revised Statutes and Section 33 of Criminal Code, in that no articles of outer clothing shall be resold as clothing to persons in the United States unauthorized by law to wear same.

No alterations or modifications of terms of purchase shall be permitted. At least 20% of entire bid shall accompany the bid in certificate check or legal tender as a guarantee of fulfillment. The deposit of the buyer will be retained until transaction is completed and credited on final payment. Deposit of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them when awards are made. All checks must be certified and made payable to "Salvage Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas". It is requested that amount of deposit be mentioned on bid.

Proposals must be signed by bidders, enclosed in sealed envelope, postage fully prepaid and addressed to "Salvage Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas", and marked "Proposals for Sale of Salvage Articles, to be Opened at 10:00 a. m. January 8th 1920". All items listed for sale may be seen on application to Salvage Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas. It is urgently requested that bidders avail themselves of the opportunity to inspect this material before submitting bid.

Award will be made promptly on authorization from the Office of Director Purchase and Storage, Washington, D. C. Bids should be mailed at least five days prior to date of opening by bidders outside Laredo. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

W. A. ARCHER,
1st. Lieut. 37th. Infantry.

LOCAL NEWS

TUTTI-FRUTTI ICE CREAM FOR SUNDAY SPECIAL PHONE 145 CONSUMERS ICE & FUEL COMPANY.

—Both morning and evening services at the Presbyterian Church will be of the nature of Christmas services with special music.

—W. R. Muter, taxidermy in all its branches. Hidalgo street near Flores avenue. 12-18-121.

—Horner's Pharmacy is temporarily located at 1217 Farragut street, in the Elk's building next to Electric & Ry. Co's office. 12-17-6t.

—Rev. W. L. Barr went to Cotulla yesterday to attend a Missionary Centenary Group meeting. He will return today accompanied by Rev. Z. V. Liles, the Presiding Elder of the Uvalde District, who will preach both morning and evening at the Methodist Church tomorrow.

—Before purchasing your Christmas candy see the special mixed candy at Laredo Candy Co. 12-15-9t.

—Mexican curios and pottery at D. R. Muter's, Hidalgo street near Flores avenue. 12-18-121.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Samuel S. Zito and Miss Marie E. Fernandez, Antonio G. Garcia and Miss Felicitas Cuellar. 12-15-9t.

—To save money buy your high class jewelry at the Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-12t.

—For something real palatable call at Kennedy's delicatessen department at the Sanitary Grocery. Phones 659 and 665. 12-5-tf.

—More prospects for oil and gas leases are being recorded here. Josefa M. de Gutierrez has leased to A. M. Bruni a tract of 600 acres in this county, and Alonzo Lopez and wife have leased a tract of 320 acres in Webb county to R. M. Gonzales.

—Special price of 39c a pound for homemade French Christmas mixed candy at Pappas. 12-15-9t.

—Dressmaking. Mrs. A. M. Horner, 1602 Washington street, phone 1179. 12-11-1m.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: Two carloads of lead and one carload of baskets. Besides these there were numerous carloads of household goods and other articles brought by cart across the international foot-bridge.

—We have a very large line of \$1.00 to \$6.00 toilet sets from \$5.00 to \$50.00. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-12t.

—All kinds of fancy boxes and candy canes at Pappas for Christmas. 12-15-9t.

—A light rain fell in Laredo and surrounding country throughout last night and up to an early hour this morning, adding to the disagreeable condition of the streets. If a genuine old-fashioned gully-washing rain would come down now all this mud would be washed into the storm sewers and the streets would be in excellent condition for Christmas.

—We do all kinds of plumbing work, gas fitting and sewer work. Also making and repairing cess pools. For quick service phone 1203 day and night. B. Juarez, plumber. 8-12-tf.

—I buy and sell anything from a pin to a locomotive; this includes farms and ranches. J. L. Fierros, 302 Farragut street. 2-17-tf.

—This is the last Saturday before Christmas—the big day and night for the business establishments of Laredo, handling goods suitable for Christmas presents. The indications are that most of the stores of Laredo (those which have advertised the fact that they have Christmas goods for sale) will be crowded with shoppers from early evening until closing time tonight.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 576 or 1017. 6-20-tf.

—Why not a Victrola for Christmas? Also, some fine new records. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-12t.

—Important news item: That wonderful light which came forth from the nebula this forenoon is what was formerly known as the sun. It has returned to Laredo after an absence of several days "up there."

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-tf.

NOTICE.

We hereby beg to announce to our patrons and the public in general that on the 1st of January next we shall move our Office and Store from Iturbide to No. 1119 Grant Street, Corner of Convent Avenue (two blocks North of the International Foot Bridge), where we shall be pleased to meet our friends.

We take this opportunity of thanking our kind customers for all past favors and hope for a continuance of their valuable patronage in future, assuring them that their orders will receive our prompt and careful attention.

VOLPE BROTHERS.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 19th, 1919. 12-20-3t.

GINNING SEASON IS ENDED IN THIS SECTION COUNTRY

Approximately 1,700 Bales Turned Out at the Laredo Gin; Zapata County to Have a Gin Next Season.

The Laredo Cotton Gin Co. on the Heights in this city has finished its ginning work for the year, the total number of 1,700 bales of cotton turned out at the plant here representing cotton both from Webb county and cotton brought to Laredo a distance of sixty miles or more from points in Zapata county, as Zapata county had no gin to handle the cotton crop of that county the past season.

The high prices prevailing for cotton the past year resulted in netting the farmers of this section good returns on their crop, despite the fact that several hundred bales of cotton were lost as a result of wind, rain and other unfavorable conditions during the cotton picking season, but even with this adverse condition every grower made good returns on the cotton marketed.

Next season a much larger acreage will probably be devoted to the growing of cotton in this section, and the probability is that the farmers of the Zapata county section will have a modern cotton gin in their midst to avoid the necessity of the long haul to a gin which they experienced the past season. Some of the Zapata county farmers have already started a movement for the organization of a gin company with a capital stock of \$10,000 to erect a modern gin plant at San Ignacio in ample time for the next cotton ginning season.

Notice.

1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas. 12-15-15t.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the effect.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

DECEMBER 20.

1842—The French took possession of the Marquesas Islands.

1844—Otto Roung, who started the first large department store in Chicago, born in Elberfeld, Germany. Died at Lake Geneva, Wis., Nov. 30, 1906.

1869—President Grant appointed Edwin M. Stanton of Pennsylvania an associate justice of the Supreme Court.

1890—The Toronto city council decided that street cars should not be run on Sundays in that city.

1902—Signor Marconi sent messages by wireless from Cape Breton to Cornwall to the Kings of England and Italy.

1914—Russians checked the German advance along Bzura River.

1915—Austrians took by storm Montenegro heights near Borane and Bjelopols.

1916—President Wilson sent note to all belligerents requesting they define more exactly their peace terms.

1917—The Bolshevik Government began the publication of a series of secret treaties between the late Imperial Government and its allies.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas-Mexican.
Train No. 1 leaves for Corpus Christi at 9:55 a. m.
Train No. 2 arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:35 p. m.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 8:30 a. m. and arrives at 2:50 p. m.

Night Train.
Leaves at 9 p. m. and arrives at 8 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:20 a. m.

Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 11 a. m. Arrives at Laredo at 3:15 p. m.

4 MORE DAYS

TIMES WANT ADS. Money Makers

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Society Editor

Phone 70 Phone 43
SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.
Dance at the Soldiers Club in the evening.

Sunday.
The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist Church will meet at the church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.
The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet in the Church at 6:45 p. m.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church will hold its regular meeting in the League room of the Methodist Church at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.
The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church meets at 6:45 at the church Sunday evening.
Junior B. Y. P. U. of Baptist Church will meet at 5 p. m.
Mrs. J. G. Burr, leader.
Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at Baptist Church at 6:30 p. m.
Miss Minnie Burr, president.

Monday.
The American Legion will give a dance in Elks Hall in the evening.

General Mention.

Mrs. H. J. Hamilton returned home today from San Antonio after a two weeks visit to relatives.

Miss Lou Vena Siros will arrive Sunday from Austin to spend the holidays at home.

Dr. and Mrs. William Learn will leave next week for Brownsville and will visit in San Antonio before returning home.

Mr. H. B. Gullette and son, Harry Gullette, are among the recent arrivals in the city from Mexico.

Carlos and Manuel Garza Cantu, who have been attending school at St. Louis College in San Antonio, and sister Maria, from Lady of the Lake College, arrived in the city Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. Ira O'Meara left last night for Austin on a short business trip.

Miss Josephine Smith will leave Tuesday night for Houston and El Campo for the holidays.

Mrs. W. D. Butler and baby will leave next week for San Antonio to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. R. S. Dixon and little daughter, Helen Miller Dixon, expect to go to San Antonio to spend the holidays with Mrs. Dixon's father.

Mr. J. E. Applewhite, who has been in Terrell Wells for several weeks, is expected home for Christmas.

Miss Clara Hall came in from Bruniville Thursday and will spend Christmas vacation at home.

Mr. W. N. Landrum returned to San Antonio Thursday, after a week's stay in Laredo. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira O'Meara while in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bruni and little daughter Lamar of Bruniville are in the city en route to San Antonio.

Mrs. C. M. Tamez and daughters, Misses Maria and Luz Tamez, of Monterrey, arrived in the city on Tuesday and are pleasantly located at the cottage on the corner of Farragut street and Juarez avenue.

Miss Mildred McKnight is expected to arrive in Laredo on January 4 to conduct Red Cross classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick. The classes will be held at the International Institute.

Miss Olivia Schultz of Little Rock will arrive tomorrow morning to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Buenz.

Pepe Lowry came in yesterday from Waco to spend the holidays at home.

Miss Hilda Kleinsmith of Victoria is expected in Laredo to be the holiday guest of the Misses Alexander.

Club Notes.

The Blue Birds met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl, and a part of the time was passed in practicing carols to be sung at the International Institute on Tuesday evening, when a Christmas celebration will be given. A pleasant social time was also enjoyed, during which time the hostess served fruit. Those present were: Mary Condren, Gladys Sauvignat, Helen Dixon, Dorothy Wilson, Jennie May Gallahan, Bertha Bodet, Anne McKinney, Miss Sturges and Mrs. Poggenpohl.

Entertainment.

The carnival held at Fort McIntosh on Thursday evening was a decided success in every way. While the crowd in attendance was not very

CHURCHES

St. Augustine Pro-Cathedral:—First mass at 6 a. m. Second mass at 8 a. m. Third mass at 9 a. m. Solemn High Mass 10 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 7:30 p. m.

St. Peter's:—Low mass at 7 a. m. High mass and sermon at 9 o'clock, followed by Sunday School.
Evening service and lecture beginning at 7:30 o'clock.
REV. JOHN MCLOY, Pastor.

Guadalupe Church:—Mass and sermon at 8 a. m. Rosary and Benediction at 4:30 p. m.

Church of Divine Redeemer:—Mass and sermon at 7 a. m. Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

Christ Episcopal Church:—Rev. Chas. W. Cook, rector.
Sunday before Christmas. Color purple.

Holy Communion 7:30 a. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning service and sermon 11 a. m.

Evening service and sermon 7:30 p. m. Monday 4:30 p. m. Junior choir rehearsal.

Wednesday, midnight service, beginning 11 p. m.

Christmas Day, Holy Communion 10 a. m.

First Baptist Church:—Cor. Houston St. and Main Ave.
9:45, Sunday School; C. M. Henry, superintendent.
10:45 a. m. Pastor Beddoe will speak on "The Significance of the Houston Convention."

5:00 p. m. Junior B. Y. P. U., Mrs. J. G. Burr, Leader.
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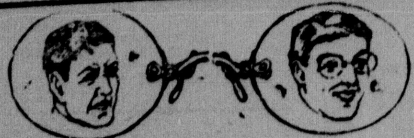
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KNOX PROPOSES TO DECLARE PEACE WITH GERMANY WITH ALL ADVANTAGES OF TREATY

Republican Senator Offers Method of Refusing to Ratify the
Versailles Treaty and Still Derive Material Benefits
by Demanding that Germany Accede' or
Have Commerce Cut Off.

THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED IN A WRECK

FREIGHT CRASHED INTO PASSEN-
GER TRAIN LOADED WITH
IMMIGRANTS NEAR
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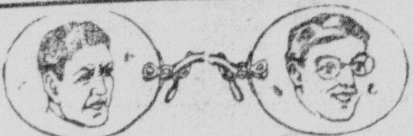
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Many people look upon a government contract much as the old politician did upon a government position, when he said: "A public office is a private snap." And the people look with lenity upon many of these "operations" as being less reprehensible than stealing from an individual.

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RAILROADS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT REFUSE TO HANDLE INTOXICATING LIQUOR AFTER TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—An embargo against the movement of intoxicating liquors by Southern railroads for export, effective at 12:01 o'clock tomorrow morning, was announced by the Southern export committee of the regional railroad administration here.

Poured Into Street.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Whiskey valued at \$20,000 taken in raids was poured into the street by Ray Hubbard, assistant attorney general for Kansas, today.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

A sail, crawling without a pause, would occupy fourteen days five hours to travel a mile.

The world's record of sugar plantations contains 13, 00 acres, has 30 miles of railway, and employs 1,500 people.

The leaf of the Ceylon talipot palm, which grows to a hundred feet in height, is so wide that it will cover twenty men.

It is unlawful in Turkey to seizure a man's residence for debt, and sufficient land to support him is also exempt from seizure.

Christmas Trees.

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Account existing conditions hunting in Jarra, Barrocco, Burritos, Tortuga and La Mota pastures will be detrimental to interests of owners of cattle therein, so will ask that no requests be made of me for hunting permits.

J. D. JENNINGS.

10-31-2m.

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Accepted Nomination.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Bonillas, it is said has cabled from Washington his acceptance of the presidential nomination tendered him by the Mexican National Civilian party and has asked the president of the organization for the political platform formulated for its candidate.

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Much interest centers in the special election to be held today in the Fifth Congressional district of Wisconsin to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor Berger, Socialist, who was elected at the November election in 1918. Berger again is a candidate of his party, and is opposed by Henry H. Bodensadt, who is running on the Republican ticket with the indorsement of the Democrats and Good Government League League.

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Now that the war is over congress is getting busy on investigations as to how some of the money was expended, and some of the investigations are not resulting favorably to the persons investigated.

The latest report is concerning the construction of buildings under the direction of the housing commission, and while the committee's report is not given in full, it is evident that some graft was uncovered, as the committee recommends that steps be taken to recover money which was improperly charged, and if the persons or corporations receiving the alleged overcharges refuse to make voluntary restitution, that civil action be instituted by the government.

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It is natural to expect that there will be some graft in a war such as that through which we have just passed. Not that it is permissible, and all who are guilty of such deplorable theft should be punished to the fullest extent of the law. But in time of the government's need a certain sort of people always take advantage of the opportunities, knowing that the accounts in emergency cases are not too closely scrutinized at the time.

There is also some expectation that dirty politics will help in covering up some of the most flagrant cases rather than implicate many of high standing, and perhaps this is one of the reasons why so few convictions have ever been punished.

The "embalmed beef" scandal of the Spanish war was one of those which were to a certain extent hushed up, and no one now remembers anyone who suffered any penalty, with the exception of General Fagan of the commissary department. Apparently others of too high standing to warrant a presumption of their conviction were implicated, at least, that is the general opinion now.

So far there has been but one scandal originating in army contracts, and that was the railroad deal by which certain persons made a great deal of money by furnishing worthless equipment for our soldiers. There have been hints that investigation of the commissary department of our expeditionary forces might uncover a few scandals, but that may be merely soldier talk, although the food served our men in the front trenches was horrible, while at the same time the army ration was better than any other in the world.

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It is true that materials and labor were at a high premium during the war period, but that does not seem to explain some of the exorbitant prices paid for new buildings of the most ordinary construction. Perhaps some of the graft came through the plumbing, drainage, heating facilities and other "extras" which were furnished. At any rate, some of the buildings were "swindled" after their period of usefulness had ended, and in some places the only slightly used materials were used for waste-paper. In fact, indeed, many houses constructed were enabled to pay back the money at a price which left them a good profit when selling at an exorbitant price.

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IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

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Times Want Ads.

Money Makers

ATTEMPT TO MURDER VISCOUNT FRENCH NEAR FAMOUS PHOENIX PARK IN DUBLIN

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland the Object of Attempt at Assassination While Driving Near Historical Spot Where Former Murder Committed—Civilian Killed and Policeman Wounded by Shots.

CALLED IT VICTORY FOR THE GOVERNMENT

PALMER SAID NO QUESTION OF SETTLEMENT BUT MEN COMPLIED WITH THE DEMANDS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The termination of the soft coal strike was not a settlement but a victory for the government, Attorney General Palmer told the senate subcommittee investigating the strike. "The government has won its fight," Mr. Palmer said, "there was no settlement in actuality. The men and union officers have complied with our demands and returned to work."

Miner and Operator Named.

Washington, Dec. 19.—John P. White, former president of the United Mine Workers, and Rembrandt Pease, an independent coal operator of Pennsylvania, will be named members of the commission of three which is to investigate wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry, according to unofficial reports. Pease and White assisted Harry A. Garfield during the war.

DENIKINE REPORTS IMPORTANT VICTORY

TOOK TEN THOUSAND PRISONERS WITH GUNS AND MACHINE GUNS IN VOLGA VALLEY.

By Associated Press.

Helixington, Dec. 19.—Denikine has gained an important victory between Tauris and Kamschatka in the Volga valley, according to newspaper dispatches. It is said he has taken 25,000 prisoners, five cannons and 25 machine guns.

Big Plot Discovered.

Helixington, Dec. 19.—The discovery of an anti-Bolshevik plot is reported in Petrograd. Nine hundred persons, including several French and English citizens, have been arrested, and 550 have been exempted following a trial by a revolutionary tribunal.

To Settle Fiume Question.

Rome, Dec. 19.—A definite settlement of the Fiume question will be reached at the coming conference of premiers and foreign ministers of the allied nations, says the Giornale d'Italia.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day: Tonight generally fair; colder Saturday generally fair.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today: Min. temp. 52 degs. Max. temp. 59 degs. General direction of wind: North-east. Clear.

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Dublin, Dec. 19.—An attempt was made at 1 o'clock this morning to assassinate Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord French was driving between the Ashlin gate of Phoenix Park and the vice-regal lodge when the shot was fired. A civilian nearby was struck and nearly killed. A policeman was wounded at the same time. The viscount escaped the fate intended.

PRICE OF CLOTHING TO BE INVESTIGATED

CONFERENCE OF ALL FROM PRO-

DUCER RAW MATERIAL TO DEALER IN FINISHED PRODUCT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Steps to check the rising price of clothing will be discussed at a conference here in January of persons interested in the production of wearing apparel from the producer of raw materials to the consumer of the finished product. Calling of the conference was announced today by Assistant Attorney General Fitt, who said it was planned to provide for the production of a standard quality of cloth and garments for sale at a reasonable price in an indictment to the public to check extravagance in purchasing.

CAMPANINI IS DEAD.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cleofonte Campanini, director general of the Italian grand opera company, died of pneumonia this morning.

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Poured Into Street.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Whiskey valued at \$20,000 taken in raids was poured into the street by Ray Highland, assistant attorney general for Kansas, today.

ODD AND INTERESTING.

A sail, crawling without a pause, would occupy fourteen days five hours to travel a mile. The world's record of sugar plantations contains 13, 66 acres, has 20 miles of railway, and employs 1,500 people.

The leaf of the Ceylon talipot palm, which grows to a hundred feet in height, is so wide that it will cover twenty men.

It is unlawful in Turkey to seize a man's residence for debt, and sufficient land to support him is also exempt from seizure.

Christmas Trees.

Joe Barberio & Co. have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

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NON-PARTISAN GROUP TO PROVE QUESTION

AMERICANS AND MEXICANS TO SEEK CAUSES OF THE FRICTION BETWEEN THE NATIONS.

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 19.—Appointment of a non-partisan commission of Americans and Mexicans to investigate the causes of the present friction between the two nations will be urged by speakers at a mass-meeting in Carnegie Hall tonight. The call for the meeting was issued by a citizens' committee consisting of educators, churchmen, men and women prominent in civic movements and newspaper and magazine writers.

Accepted Nomination.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Ambassador Bonillas, it is said, has called from Washington his acceptance of the presidential nomination tendered him by the Mexican National Civilian party and has asked the president of the organization for the political platform formulated for its candidate.

FORTY MEMBERS OF CREW ARE DROWNED

BRITISH STEAMSHIP MANXMAN REPORTED FOUNDERED IN MID-ATLANTIC YESTERDAY.

By Associated Press. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 19.—Forty-three members of the crew of the British steamship Manxman were drowned yesterday when the ship foundered in mid-ocean, according to a radio from the British steamship British Isles, picked up here today. The rest of the crew, numbering more than a dozen, have been picked up by the British ship, due in New York Monday. Among those lost, the message said, were the captain, first mate, fourth engineer and wireless operator.

CAPT ALCOCK DEAD.

By Associated Press. Robert, France, Dec. 19.—Captain Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a non-stop flight across the Atlantic, died here this afternoon as the result of injuries received when his plane crashed yesterday near Cotter, department of Seine Inférieure, Normandy.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Centenary anniversary of the birth of Gen. James (Clifford) Veach, who commanded a Federal brigade at Shiloh. General Pershing and staff are scheduled to pay a visit of inspection today to Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich. The commercial application of aerial navigation is to be given prominence in the sixth International Exposition of Aerial Locomotion, to be opened today in Paris.

Much interest centers in the special election to be held today in the Fifth Congressional district of Wisconsin to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor Berger, Socialist, who was elected at the November election in 1918. Berger again is a candidate of his party, and is opposed by Henry H. Bodenstadt, who is running on the Republican ticket with the endorsement of the Democrats and Good Government League League.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Circle A, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. C. C. Burr in the afternoon.

Circle D, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. F. H. Smith, 1220 Calhoun street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Carnival at K. of C. Hall, Fort McIntosh, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

Friday.

The Blue Birds will meet with Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. A. C. Hamilton is expected home today from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Major and Mrs. Isaac Gill of Baltimore, Md., were expected in Laredo yesterday to be the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook.

Mr. H. G. DaCamara returned yesterday from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Weber and little son will arrive this week to be the guests of relatives for the holidays.

Victor Sauvignat will arrive the latter part of the week from Austin, to spend Christmas at home.

James Irwin will arrive from San Antonio to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Matthews and children will spend Christmas in Encinal, the guests of Judge and Mrs. Welhausen.

August Wormser will arrive in the city this week to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sadler left yesterday for New Orleans to spend Christmas with relatives.

Kecran Young, secretary of the school at the A. & M., will be among the Christmas visitors in the city.

Miss Margaret Hazelrigg will arrive from San Antonio this week for the holidays.

Announcements.

The Child's Welfare League of the Seventh grade will not hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon on account of the holiday rush.

International Institute.

On last Saturday afternoon there was organized at the International Institute a permanent committee consisting of representatives elected by the various classes belonging to the institute. This committee was formed in order that there might be a way to put into action the willingness, so often and so generously expressed by patrons to help in the various undertakings of the institute. At the meeting last Saturday Miss Sturges, the director of the institute, submitted to the committee for their decision the question of the disposal of the fund raised by patrons of the institute last August in a Jamaica. This Jamaica was given during the absence of Miss Sturges and although proper authorization was secured for the undertaking it was not understood that the institute makes it a principle to help raise funds for the various needs of the community before raising funds for itself. Miss Sturges therefore suggested to the committee that this fund be divided between the orphanage and the hospital of the Associated Charities. The committee unanimously voted that this be done and accordingly thirty dollars has been given to each. A member of the committee then suggested that this Christmas giving be augmented by a collection of clothing and toys. As the institute was unwilling to call on the merchants for this, since there are so many calls at Christmas time, the ladies voted instead to solicit personally and not as representing the institute. The institute is glad to co-operate with the ladies who have undertaken this good work in whatever way they may recommend. The institute Ford is at the disposal of the ladies for collecting the toys and clothing used or new which are offered and phone messages may be left at the institute for the committee. The institute phone is 1517.

Christmas Party.

When Mrs. W. E. McDavitt entertained for her club, the Friday Bridge Club, she named Misses Esther Hirsch of Laredo and Julia Burns of San Antonio honorees. A number of guests were invited and the club developed into a beautiful party of eight tables.

Mrs. McDavitt was the first to her-

ald the Christmas season and her all-ways attractive home was made very beautiful with Christmas decorations. Tall red tapers burned brightly and shed a merry glow over the pretty scene of Christmas cheer. The wondrously beautiful poinsettia, the Christmas flower, was effectively used about the rooms, in the game accessories and formed the corsage of the charming honorees. Plum pudding, accompanied by salted nuts, in tiny crystal baskets was the Christmas refreshments served.

Crystal baskets in sets of four were attractively put up in Christmas packages tied with red ribbons and poinsettias, were the souvenirs of the afternoon and were awarded to Mrs. L. S. Grider for high club score, Miss Frances Grider for the guests, and to each of the charming honorees.—Brownsville Herald.

Condren-Nelson.

A wedding of much beauty took place last evening at seven o'clock when Marguerite, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson, was given in marriage to Captain George D. Condren, United States Army, Rev. Charles W. Cook officiating. Christ Episcopal Church, endeared to the bride through earliest association, presented a lovely scene in its decorations of Southern moss, pink La France roses and palms. The wainscoting in the nave of the church was softly draped in gray moss. Each window, with sill banked in moss and holding a crystal vase filled with pink La France rose buds and fern, was outlined in the tall stately leaves of the date palm, while tubs of large fan palms were used in the foreground of the rood screen. The pews held clusters of La France roses and fern thrust through wreaths of moss. The rood screen was outlined at the top with deep hued rose waxen tapers which shed a glow over the delicate tracery of moss used on the screen, the arches of which were outlined in palm branches. A long-handled white Dresden basket filled with exquisite full blown La France roses and feathery fern, swung by long rose colored tulle streamers over the steps leading to the choir. The steps were flanked on either side by immense jardinières of sword fern placed on moss draped pedestals and the soft silken folds of the American flag fell from an arch of the rood screen, while the regimental colors of the groom were carried by a military escort, who presented arms as the bride and groom passed.

The altar, banked with lacy fern with a background of long fronds of sword fern, was chaste in its decorations of white carnations, and ablaze with burning wax tapers in brass candlesticks. Before the hour set for the service given with Mrs. Mora Dilgarde Anderson at the pipe organ: "Springtime Sketch"..... Brewer "Romance"..... Debussy "Serenade"..... Lemare. The vested choir then entered to Paulkes "Marche Nuptiale" and as the bridal party entered the choir sang the wedding hymn.

The ushers, Captain Zupann, Albert Martin, Lawrence Nelson and Robert Muller, entered first, followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Albert Martin, a sister of the bride, beautiful in pale pink satin made with bodice of heavily embroidered silver lace, the skirt draped with a foil of delicate blue satin caught at the waist line with blue ostrich; with this was worn silver slippers and a hair ornament of blue ostrich. The maid of honor, Miss Anita Johnson of Flatonia, then followed, charming in a gown of blue taffeta, made with a front panel of white tulle and silver ribbons, with a bodice of silver lace. A hair ornament of pink ostrich and silver ribbon, and silver slippers completed the dainty costume. Both attendants carried lovely sprays of pink Killarney roses tied with pink tulle. The bride then entered on the arm of her father, and was met at the chancel by the groom and his best man, Lieutenant Snider. The bride, one of Laredo's fairest daughters, was lovely in her wedding gown of heavy Duchesse satin, a Pettilla model, made without train, thereby accentuating her petite girlish type of beauty. The skirt was shirred in at the bottom and tiny bows of satin caught feathery sprays of ostrich all over the skirt; the waist was also trimmed with the ostrich and the flowing sleeves of tulle were ornamented in pearl. The short veil made with a coronet of real lace, worn many years ago by members of the family in England, was caught to the coiffure with tiny sprays of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses and fern with a shower of valley lilies. Her only ornament was a platinum and diamond dinner ring, the gift of the groom. After the plighting of their troth, Mr. Edwin B. Adams, tenor, sang most delightfully, "The Garden Of Your Heart," by Dorel, and during the remainder of the ceremony, Bachelet's wedding music was softly played, the bridal party leaving the church to Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Capt. and Mrs. Condren were escorted by the Machine Gun Company, mounted, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin in Houston Street where a reception was held. Villar's orchestra playing throughout the reception hour. The beautiful home needs but little adornment to enhance its charms, but the drawing room was a bower of pink La France roses and fern, and the doorways and windows in both drawing room and library were hung with moss and

branches of mistletoe. In the drawing room Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin received with Captain and Mrs. Condren. In the library the guest book was in charge of Mrs. Mabel Cogley Barlow and Mrs. Robert Muller, while the punch table, lovely in red roses and fern, was also placed here; over this presided Mrs. Hugh Chuck, Mrs. M. T. Cogley, Misses Mackin, Johnson and Ruth Murphy. The library was attractive in moss draped mantel and book cases, with clusters of scarlet berries and carnations lending a gay note of color. In the dining room, where a buffet supper was served, were Mesdames G. C. Woodman, Jos. Martin, H. Keller, Misses L. Martin, H. MacGregor, and K. MacGregor. Mrs. C. C. Shiner having charge of the cutting of the wedding cake.

The decorations in the dining room were in green and white, white carnations, brides roses and fern being used. The table, laid in Cluny, held as a centerpiece, the wedding cake embossed in roses and elaborately ornamented, encircled in a cloud of delicate green tulle, with long stemmed white carnations and sprays of fern scattered over the cloth. Silver and crystal candlesticks holding white tapers surrounded the cake and silver bud vases holding white carnations were used in the table decorations. Captain and Mrs. Condren left on the evening train for New Orleans and Palm Beach.

The officers of Captain Condren's regiment had the 37th Infantry Band at the station and many friends were there to bid the bride and groom good speed. Mrs. Condren wore a handsome coat suit of brown silver-tone trimmed in beaver; with this was worn a blouse of printed Georgette in tones of blue and gold, and a chic hat to match, other accessories were in brown to match the costume.

Captain and Mrs. Condren will be at home in Fort McIntosh after January fifteenth.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Today is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Prince Rupert of the Rhine, famous in history as "the Mad Cavalier."

The President and Mrs. Wilson will observe their fourth wedding anniversary today.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, eminent clergyman, author, and editor, today enters upon his eighty-fifth year.

Detroit has made elaborate preparations for the reception and entertainment of General Pershing and his staff, who are to visit that city today.

The Southern Alluvial Land Association, which aims at clearing out lower Mississippi Valley, will meet in annual session today at Memphis.

Members of the Dominion Railway Commission, following a series of hearings throughout Canada on the subject of the proposed increase in telegraph rates, will return to Ottawa today for a final hearing.

WAR MADE AFRICAN HUNTING BETTER.

A Frenchman from one of the colonies writes that, due to the suspension of hunting in Africa for the last five years, wild beasts abound in all parts and one has only to remain in one place long enough to have a whole menagerie pass before his gun. Along the valley of the Niger this hunter found the partridges so thick that the natives were killing them by spearing into the thick flocks which flew up on every side.

Next a herd of wild boars ran past, then elephants came to the banks of the river, and their large numbers disturbed a panther which, upon leaping up a rocky part of the shore, sent eagles soaring into the sky. When another large bird was shot at while flying overhead it dropped an enormous fish it has been carrying and escaped unharned. And all this game the hunter saw in less than 60 minutes!

WOMAN JOURNALIST OF CHINA



Miss Soumi Ching, one of China's leading journalists, who has come to America to lecture to the Chinese in this country. She is one of the best-informed women in the empire and represented a large group of Chinese journals and syndicates at the Paris peace conference.

Expect to Uncover Treasures.

Mullingar, capital of County Westmeath, Ireland, is on the tip-toe of excitement because of a hunt for treasure trove. Gold coins of great size have been found in an old passage way discovered under a field. They bear insigla of currency "that undoubtedly have Ogham origin." Ogham inscriptions are found only on ancient monuments in Ireland and other Celtic countries. Their origin is wrapped in mystery. Cooking utensils have also been found. They are of material far better than that used in these out-of-date times. But this is only a beginning. The passage has just recently been struck by workmen carrying out excavations for drainage. There are strong indications that treasures trove and valuable objects must lead to an earthen fortification.

Baby Always Star Performer.

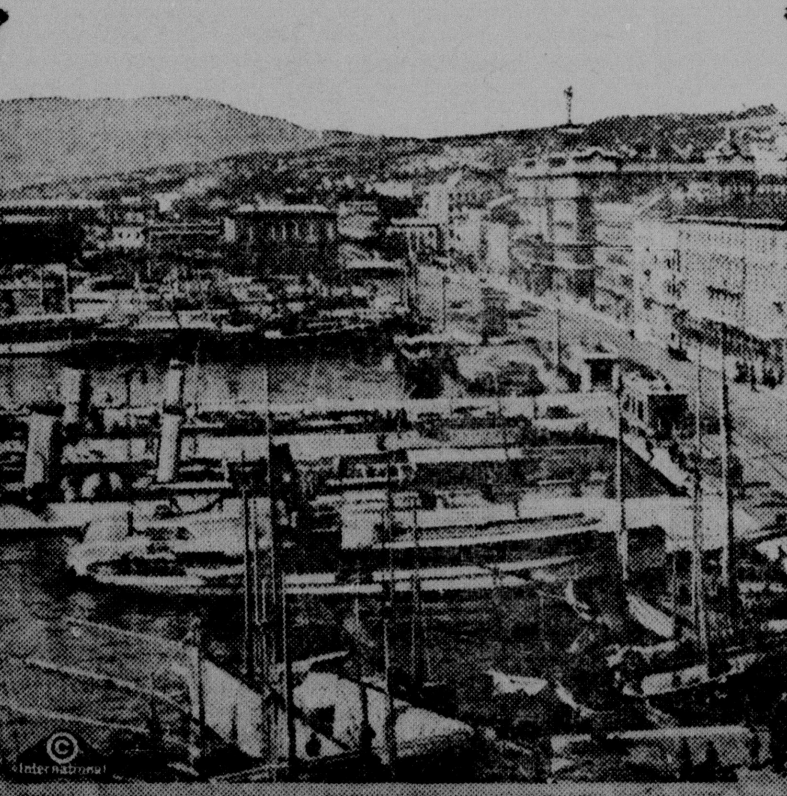
Every member of the family with the exception of the growing boy will sometimes wake up in the middle of the night, but none of the others can get as wide awake as baby.

DR. ABBOTT'S SOLUTION.

New York, Dec. 18.—Topsy turvy as the world may now appear the problem which have brought about the present unrest will right themselves in time and the conditions surrounding life in this mundane sphere will be better than ever before—such is the optimistic forecast of Dr. Lyman Abbott, the veteran clergyman, author, and editor, who today entered upon his eighty-fifth year.

Dr. Abbott believes the problem of political economy is to seek a more equitable distribution of wealth rather than to promote a larger accumulation of wealth, and that social reform calls for a recognition of partnership relations between capital and labor and the extension of the industrial function of government. He also holds that the principles and spirit of Jesus Christ applied to social problems would furnish their solution.

D'ANNUNZIO'S NAVY IN HARBOR OF FIUME



Italian warships now under the command and control of Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio, "dictator" of Fiume. The ships' officers and crews joined with the Italian troops occupying the disputed city in placing themselves under the guidance of the poet-aviator.

CONGRESS WILL PARE DOWN ESTIMATES FOR 1920 IN VEIN OF STRICT ECONOMY

Leader Mondell Told House that Liabilities of Government are Three Billions More than Income for the Year—Greatest Reductions will be Made in Estimates for Army and for Fortifications.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK ALARMED MEXICANS

COMING ON DAY WHEN END OF WORLD PREDICTED IT CAUSED EXCITEMENT AMONG PEOPLE.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—Earthquake shocks at 6 o'clock last night caused some excitement among the people, following numerous reports that the end of the world was due. No damage resulted, although the shocks were more severe than commonly felt in Mexico City.

Mexican Reply Received.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mexico's reply to the last American note in the Jenkins case was received today at the state department.

FIVE THOUSAND JEWS KILLED IN POGROMS

MONTENEGRINS RESIST SERBIAN OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND FIGHT.

Berne, Dec. 18.—Reports of a fresh wave of pogroms in districts of the Ukraine occupied by Denikine's forces are printed by the Lemberg newspaper Gazette Wiscrowska, according to Lemberg advices. The newspaper declares 5,000 Jews were killed in Yekaterinoslav alone.

Rejects Serbian Occupation.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Fierce fighting by the Montenegrin people against the Serbian occupation occurred around Cetinje between Dec. 1 and 12, is declared in the official communique from the foreign ministry of the Montenegrin government, the seat of which is in a suburb of Paris. The statement asserts that Serbians placed women and children in front of them to prevent the Montenegrins defending themselves.

HOPE TO DEFEAT BERGER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—Probably no election in any single congressional district in the United States has ever attracted such widespread attention as is centered in the special election to be held tomorrow in the Fifth Wisconsin district to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor Berger, Socialist, who was elected at the November election in 1918, and who subsequently was convicted and sentenced to prison for alleged violation of the Espionage act.

Berger is again the nominee of the Socialists and is expected to receive the full support of his party. The district is the home of many workmen who in the past have supported the Socialist ticket. In this district also live many members of the Lutheran church, the great majority of them of German birth or parentage. In the past the most of these have been counted as Republicans, but in the war election of last year they are said to have supported Berger.

In a three-cornered fight the Socialists probably would have a plurality of the votes. To prevent this, the Republicans, Democrats and Good Government League have joined forces for the election. The candidate upon whom the three elements have united is Henry H. Bodenstab, a former State senator. He will run on the Republican ticket and his supporters appear confident of his election.

A Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department and others who assisted during the fire at our store this morning, and whose efforts resulted in saving the store and building from destruction. The work was fast, efficient and well done.

SANITARY GROCERY.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations for 1921 will be pared down in accordance with the strictest economy except the postoffice and naval department estimates, which are less than for the present year, Majority Leader Mondell told the house when the first urgent deficiency bill of this session was brought up. The greatest reductions would be made in the army and fortifications estimates, he said, the former request totalling \$982,800,020 and the latter \$117,793,330, and increase of more than \$166,900,000 over the present appropriation. The balance of the estimated liabilities over receipts, Mr. Mondell said, is \$3,050,508,574. Total receipts for the year, he said, are \$603,585,000.

GREETED THE WARDEN.

By Associated Press.

Rawlins, Wyo., Dec. 18.—"Hello, Bill!" and "Hello, Cap!" were the greetings exchanged between Warden Brine and William Carlisle when the latter returned to the state penitentiary today.

TO RECOVER MONEY IMPROPERLY SPENT

COMMITTEE ALLEGES OVERCHARGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee appointed to investigate public buildings constructed during the war under the supervision of the United States housing commission recommended to the senate today that steps be taken to recover the money which it is charged was improperly paid for work done for the corporation. Should persons and corporations receiving alleged overcharges refuse to make voluntary restitution, the committee recommended that civil action be instituted by the government.

INVESTIGATE FIRE THAT COST MILLION

EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY CAUSED FIRE THAT DESTROYED BUILDING IN PICATINNY ARSENAL.

TINNY ARSENAL.

By Associated Press.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the spectacular fire which swept a part of the Picatinny arsenal following an explosion in the research laboratory last night were made the subject of an official investigation by army officers today. Four buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at a million dollars.

DOESN'T WANT SURPLUS WOMEN.

The British Mission, which is trying to transplant some of the surplus English women to the colonies where there is a dearth of women, is meeting with considerable opposition in Australia. Australia points out that all of her activity is required to repatriate her returned soldiers, and she has not the time to dispose of and settle cargoes of strange women. The British Mission urges in return that there is plenty of land and a surplus of men in the colonies and the most pressing necessity before the nation is to increase the population so diminished by the war.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO CONTINUE FOR WEEK

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE CUMMINS RAILROAD BILL PASSED BEFORE HOLIDAY RECESS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Night sessions in the senate, the leaders said today, probably would be continued in an effort to have the Cummins railroad bill passed before the holiday recess.

To Choose Martin's Successor. Washington, Dec. 18.—A call for a conference of Democratic senators Saturday to select a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia was issued today by Senator Hitchcock, who is contesting with Senator Underwood for the place.

NEW YORK FLIRTING WITH ZERO WEATHER

COLDEST DECEMBER DAY IN THE PAST TWO YEARS AND FIRST

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 18.—The mercury played hide and seek with the zero mark today, giving New York the first touch of real winter weather and the coldest December day in two years.

PACKERS TO QUIT.

By Associated Press.

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"BACKYARD" AIRPLANE.

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Carnival at K. of C. Hall, Fort McIntosh, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.
The Blue Birds will meet with Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Mr. A. C. Hamilton is expected home today from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Major and Mrs. Isaac Gill of Baltimore, Md., were expected in Laredo yesterday to be the holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westbrook.

Mr. H. G. DaCamara returned yesterday from a short business trip to San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Weber and little son will arrive this week to be the guests of relatives for the holidays.

Victor Sauvignat will arrive the latter part of the week from Austin, to spend Christmas at home.

James Irwin will arrive from San Antonio to spend Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Matthews and children will spend Christmas in Encinal, the guests of Judge and Mrs. Welhausen.

August Wormser will arrive in the city this week to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sadler left yesterday for New Orleans to spend Christmas with relatives.

Keeran Young, who is attending school at the A. & M., will be among the Christmas visitors in the city.

Miss Margaret Hazelrigg will arrive from San Antonio this week for the holidays.

Announcements.

The Child's Welfare League of the Seventh grade will not hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon on account of the holiday rush.

International Institute.

On last Saturday afternoon there was organized at the International Institute a permanent committee consisting of representatives elected by the various classes belonging to the institute. This committee was formed in order that there might be a way to put into action the willingness so often and so generously expressed by patrons to help in the various undertakings of the Institute. At the meeting last Saturday Miss Sturges, the director of the Institute, submitted to the committee for their decision the question of the disposal of the fund raised by patrons of the Institute last August in a jamaca. This jamaca was given during the absence of Miss Sturges and although proper authorization was secured for the undertaking it was not understood that the institute makes it a principle to help raise funds for the various needs of the community before raising funds for itself. Miss Sturges therefore suggested to the committee that this fund be divided between the orphanage and the hospital of the Associated Charities. The committee unanimously voted that this be done and accordingly thirty dollars has been given to each. A member of the committee then suggested that this Christmas giving be augmented by a collection of clothing and toys. As the Institute was unwilling to call on the merchants for this, since there are so many calls at Christmas time, the ladies voted instead to solicit personally and not as representing the Institute. The Institute is glad to co-operate with the ladies who have undertaken this good work in whatever way they may recommend. The Institute Ford is at the disposal of the ladies for collecting the toys and clothing used or new which are offered and phone messages may be left at the Institute for the committee. The Institute phone is 1517.

Christmas Party.

When Mrs. W. E. McDavitt entertained for her club, the Friday Bridge Club, she named Misses Esther Hirsch of Laredo and Julia Burns of San Antonio honorees. A number of guests were invited and the club developed into a beautiful party of eight tables.

Mrs. McDavitt was the first to her-

ald the Christmas season and her always attractive home was made very beautiful with Christmas decorations. Tall red tapers burned brightly and shed a merry glow over the pretty scene of Christmas cheer. The wondrously beautiful poinsettia, the Christmas flower, was effectively used about the rooms, in the game accessories and formed the corsage of the charming honorees. Plum pudding, accompanied by salted nuts, in tiny crystal baskets was the Christmas refreshments served.

Crystal baskets in sets of four were attractively put up in Christmas packages tied with red ribbons and poinsettias, were the souvenirs of the afternoon and were awarded to Mrs. L. S. Grider for high club score, Miss Frances Grider for the guests, and to each of the charming honorees.—Brownsville Herald.

Condren-Nelson.

A wedding of much beauty took place last evening at seven o'clock when Marguerite, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson, was given in marriage to Captain George D. Condren, United States Army, Rev. Charles W. Cook officiating. Christ Episcopal Church, endeared to the bride through earliest association, presented a lovely scene in its decorations of Southern moss, pink La France roses and palms. The wainscoting in the nave of the church was softly draped in gray moss. Each window, with sill banked in moss and holding a crystal vase filled with pink La France rose buds and fern, was outlined in the tall stately leaves of the date palm, while tubs of large fan palms were used in the foreground of the road screen. The pews held clusters of La France roses and fern thrust through wreaths of moss. The road screen was outlined at the top with deep hued rose waxen tapers which shed a glow over the delicate tracery of moss used on the screen, the arches of which were outlined in palm branches. A long-handled white Dresden basket filled with exquisite bill blown La France roses and feathery fern, swung by long rose colored tulle streamers over the steps leading to the choir. The steps were flanked on either side by immense jardiniere of sword fern placed on moss draped pedestals, and the soft silken folds of the American flag fell from an arch of the road screen, while the regimental colors of the groom were carried by a military escort, who presented arms as the bride and groom passed.

The altar, banked with lacy fern with a background of long fronds of sword fern, was chaste in its decorations of white carnations, and ablaze with burning wax tapers in brass candlesticks.

Before the hour set for the service the following beautiful program was given with Mrs. Flora Dilgarde Anderson at the pipe organ:

"Springtime Sketch" Brewer

"Romance" Debussy

"Serenade" Lenore

The vested choir then entered to Faulkes "Marche Nuptiale" and as the bridal party entered the choir sang the wedding hymn.

The ushers, Captain Zupann, Albert Martin, Lawrence Nelson and Robert Muller, entered first, followed by the matron of honor, Mrs. Albert Martin, a sister of the bride, beautiful in pale pink satin made with bodice of heavily embroidered silver lace, the skirt draped with a foil of delicate blue satin caught at the waist line with blue ostrich; with this worn silver slippers and a hair ornament of blue ostrich. The maid of honor, Miss Anita Johnson of Platonis, then followed, charming in a gown of blue taffeta, made with a front panel of white tulle and silver ribbons, with a bodice of silver lace. A hair ornament of pink ostrich and silver ribbon, and silver slippers completed the dainty costume. Both attendants carried lovely sprays of pink Killarney roses tied with pink tulle. The bride then entered on the arm of her father, and was met at the chancel by the groom and his best man, Lieutenant Snider. The bride, one of Laredo's fairest daughters, was lovely in her wedding gown of heavy Duchesse satin, a Pettit model, made without train, thereby accentuating her petite girl-like type of beauty. The skirt was shirred in at the bottom and tiny bows of satin caught feathery sprays of ostrich all over the skirt; the waist was also trimmed with the ostrich and the flowing sleeves of tulle were ornamented in pearl. The short veil worn many years ago by members of the family in England, was caught to the coiffure with tiny sprays of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses and fern with a shower of valley lilies. Her only ornament was a platinum and diamond dinner ring, the gift of the groom. After the plighting of their troth, Mr. Edwin B. Adams, tenor, sang most delightfully, "The Garden Of Your Heart," by Dorel, and during the remainder of the ceremony, Bachelet's wedding music was softly played, the bridal party leaving the church to Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Capt. and Mrs. Condren were escorted by the Machine Gun Company, mounted, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin in Houston Street where a reception was held. Villar's orchestra playing throughout the reception hour. The beautiful home needs but little adornment to enhance its charms, but the drawing room was a bower of pink La France roses and fern, and the doorways and windows in both drawing room and library were hung with moss and

branches of mistletoe. In the drawing room Mr. and Mrs. L. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin received with Captain and Mrs. Condren. In the library the guest book was in charge of Mrs. Mabel Cogley Barlow and Mrs. Robert Muller, while the punch table, lovely in red roses and fern, was also placed here; over this presided Mrs. Hugh Cluck, Mrs. M. T. Cogley, Misses Mackin, Johnson and Ruth Murphy. The library was attractive in moss draped mantel and book cases, with clusters of scarlet berries and carnations lending a gay note of color. In the dining room, where a buffet supper was served, were Mesdames G. C. Woodman, Jos. Martin, H. Keller, Misses L. Martin, H. MacGregor, and K. MacGregor. Mrs. C. C. Shiner having charge of the cutting of the wedding cake.

The decorations in the dining room were in green and white, white carnations, brides roses and fern being used. The table, laid in Cluny, held as a centerpiece, the wedding cake embellished in roses and elaborately ornamented, encircled in a cloud of delicate green tulle, with long stemmed white carnations and sprays of fern scattered over the cloth. Silver and crystal candlesticks holding white tapers surrounded the cake and silver bud vases holding white carnations were used in the table decorations. Captain and Mrs. Condren left on the evening train for New Orleans and Palm Beach.

The officers of Captain Condren's regiment had the 27th Infantry Band at the station and many friends were there to bid the bride and groom good speed. Mrs. Condren wore a handsome coat suit of brown silvertone trimmed in beaver; with this was worn a blouse of printed Georgeette in tones of blue and gold, and a chic hat to match, other accessories were in brown to match the costume.

Captain and Mrs. Condren will be at home in Fort McIntosh after January fifteenth.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

Today is the 300th anniversary of the birth of Prince Rupert of the Rhine, famous in history as "the Mad Cavalier."

The President and Mrs. Wilson will observe their fourth wedding anniversary today.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, eminent clergyman, author, and editor, today enters upon his eighty-fifth year.

Detroit has made elaborate preparations for the reception and entertainment of General Pershing and his staff, who are to visit that city today.

The Southern Alluvial Land Association, which aims at the reclamation of thousands of acres in the lower Mississippi Valley, will meet in annual session today at Memphis.

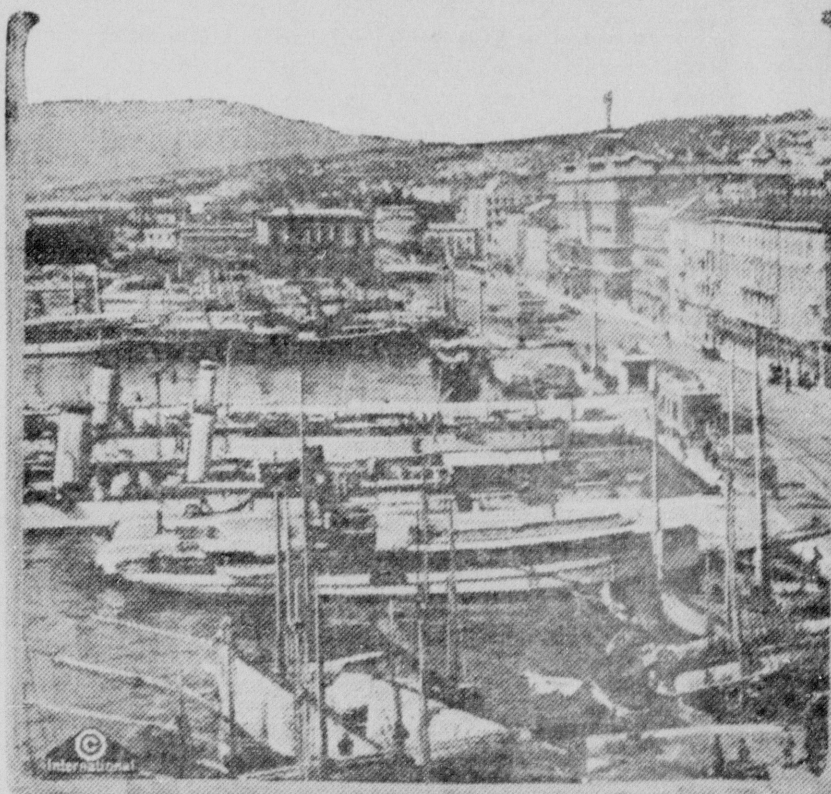
Members of the Dominion Railway Commission, following a series of hearings throughout Canada on the subject of the proposed increase in telegraph rates, will return to Ottawa today for a final hearing.

WAR MADE AFRICAN HUNTING BETTER.

A Frenchman from one of the colonies writes that, due to the suspension of hunting in Africa for the last five years, wild beasts abound in all parts and one has only to remain in one place long enough to have a whole menagerie pass before his gun. Along the valley of the Niger this hunter found the partridges so thick that the natives were killing them by spearing into the thick flocks which flew up on every side.

Next a herd of wild boars ran past, then elephants came to the banks of the river, and their large numbers disturbed a panther which, upon leaping up a rocky part of the shore, sent eagles soaring into the sky. When another large bird was shot at while flying overhead it dropped an enormous fish it has been carrying and escaped unharmed. And all this game the hunter saw in less than 60 minutes!

D'ANNUNZIO'S NAVY IN HARBOR OF FIUME



Italian warships now under the command and control of Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio, "dictator" of Fiume. The ships' officers and crews joined with the Italian troops occupying the disputed city in placing themselves under the guidance of the poet-aviator.

WOMAN JOURNALIST OF CHINA



Miss Soumi Ching, one of China's leading journalists, who has come to America to lecture to the Chinese in this country. She is one of the best-informed women in the empire and represented a large group of Chinese journals and syndicates at the Paris peace conference.

Expect to Uncover Treasures.

Mullingar, capital of County Westmeath, Ireland, is on the tip-toe of excitement because of a hunt for treasure trove. Gold coins of great size have been found in an old passage way discovered under a field. They bear inscriptions of currency "that undoubtedly have Ogham origin." Ogham inscriptions are found only on ancient monuments in Ireland and other Celtic countries. Their origin is wrapped in mystery. Cooking utensils have also been found. They are of material far better than that used in these out-of-date times. But this is only a beginning. The passage has just recently been struck by workmen carrying out excavations for drainage. There are strong indications that treasures trove and valuable mementoes of past ages are to be found in the passage, which it is believed must lead to an earthen fortification.

Baby Always Star Performer.

Every member of the family with the exception of the growing boy will sometimes wake up in the middle of the night, but none of the others can get as wide awake as baby.

DR. ABBOTT'S SOLUTION.

New York, Dec. 18.—Topsy turvy as the world may now appear the problem which have brought about the present unrest will right themselves in time and the conditions surrounding life in this mundane sphere will be better than ever before—such is the optimistic forecast of Dr. Lyman Abbott, the veteran clergyman, author, and editor, who today entered upon his eighty-fifth year.

Dr. Abbott believes the problem of political economy is to seek a more equitable distribution of wealth rather than to promote a larger accumulation of wealth, and that social reform calls for a recognition of partnership relations between capital and labor and the extension of the industrial function of government. He also holds that the principles and spirit of Jesus Christ applied to social problems would furnish their solution.

CONGRESS WILL PARE DOWN ESTIMATES FOR 1920 IN VEIN OF STRICT ECONOMY

Leader Mondell Told House that Liabilities of Government are Three Billions More than Income for the Year—Greatest Reductions will be Made in Estimates for Army and for Fortifications.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK ALARMED MEXICANS

COMING ON DAY WHEN END OF WORLD PREDICTED IT CAUSED EXCITEMENT AMONG PEOPLE.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—Earthquake shocks at 6 o'clock last night caused some excitement among the people, following numerous reports that the end of the world was due. No damage resulted, although the shocks were more severe than commonly felt in Mexico City.

Mexican Reply Received.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mexico's reply to the last American note in the Jenkins case was received today at the state department.

FIVE THOUSAND JEWS KILLED IN POGROMS

MONTENEGRINS RESIST SERBIAN OCCUPATION OF THEIR COUNTRY AND FIGHTING ENSUES.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Reports of a fresh wave of pogroms in districts of the Ukraine occupied by Denikine's forces are printed by the Lemberg newspaper Gazette-Wisconsin, according to Lemberg advices. The newspaper declares 5,000 Jews were killed in Yekaterinoslav alone.

Rejects Serbian Occupation.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Pierce fighting by the Montenegrin people against the Serbian occupation occurred around Cetinje between Dec. 1 and 12, is declared in the official communique from the foreign ministry of the Montenegrin government, the seat of which is in a suburb of Paris. The statement asserts that Serbians placed women and children in front of them to prevent the Montenegrins defending themselves.

HOPE TO DEFEAT BERGER.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—Probably no election in any single congressional district in the United States has ever attracted such widespread attention as is centered in the special election to be held tomorrow in the Fifth Wisconsin district to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of Congress to seat Victor Berger, Socialist, who was elected at the November election in 1918, and who subsequently was convicted and sentenced to prison for alleged violation of the Espionage act.

Berger is again the nominee of the Socialists and is expected to receive the full support of his party. The district is the home of many workmen who in the past have supported the Socialist ticket. In this district also live many members of the Lutheran church, the great majority of them of German birth or parentage. In the past the most of these have been counted as Republicans, but in the war election of last year they are said to have supported Berger.

In a three-cornered fight the Socialists probably would have a plurality of the votes. To prevent this, the Republicans, Democrats and Good Government League have joined forces for the election. The candidate upon whom the three elements have united is Henry H. Bodenstab, a former State senator. He will run on the Republican ticket and his supporters appear confident of his election.

A Card of Thanks.

We take this method of returning our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department and others who assisted during the fire at our store this morning, and whose efforts resulted in saving the store and building from destruction. The work was fast, efficient and well done.

SANITARY GROCERY.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. \$50. per month.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations for 1921 will be pared down in accordance with the strictest economy except the postoffice and naval department estimates, which are less than for the present year. Majority Leader Mondell told the house when the first urgent deficiency bill of this session was brought up. The greatest reductions would be made in the army and fortifications estimates, he said, the former request totalling \$982,800,020 and the latter \$117,793,330, and increase of more than \$106,000,000 over the present appropriation. The balance of the estimated liabilities over receipts, Mr. Mondell said, is \$3,059,508,574. Total receipts for the year, he said, are \$603,585,000.

GREETED THE WARDEN.

By Associated Press.

Rawlins, Wyo., Dec. 18.—"Hello, Bill!" and "Hello, Cap!" were the greetings exchanged between Warden Brine and William Carlisle when the latter returned to the state penitentiary today.

TO RECOVER MONEY IMPROPERLY SPENT

COMMITTEE ALLEGES OVERCHARGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS AND ASKS RESTITUTION.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate committee appointed to investigate public buildings constructed during the war under the supervision of the United States housing commission recommended to the senate today that steps be taken to recover the money which it is charged was improperly paid for work done for the corporation. Should persons and corporations receiving alleged overcharges refuse to make voluntary restitution, the committee recommended that civil action be instituted by the government.

INVESTIGATE FIRE THAT COST MILLION

EXPLOSION IN LABORATORY CAUSED FIRE THAT DESTROYED BUILDING IN PICATINNY ARSENAL.

By Associated Press.

Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the spectacular fire which swept a part of the Picatinny arsenal following an explosion in the research laboratory last night were made the subject of an official investigation by army officers today. Four buildings were destroyed, entailing a loss estimated at a million dollars.

DOESN'T WANT SURPLUS WOMEN.

The British Mission, which is trying to transplant some of the surplus English women to the colonies where there is a dearth of women, is meeting with considerable opposition in Australia. Australia points out that all of her activity is required to repatriate her returned soldiers, and she has not the time to dispose of and settle cargoes of strange women. The British Mission urges in return that there is plenty of land and a surplus of men in the colonies and the most pressing necessity before the nation is to increase the population so diminished by the war.

NIGHT SESSIONS TO CONTINUE FOR WEEK

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HAVE CUMMINS RAILROAD BILL PASSED BEFORE HOLIDAY RECESS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Night sessions in the senate, the leaders said today, probably would be continued in an effort to have the Cummins railroad bill passed before the holiday recess.

To Choose Martin's Successor.

Washington, Dec. 18.—A call for a conference of Democratic senators Saturday to select a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin of Virginia was issued today by Senator Hitchcock, who is contesting with Senator Underwood for the place.

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THE POSADAS.

There are few of the Laredo residents, excepting perhaps those who have just recently come to the border, who are not familiar with the beautiful Mexican custom of the "posadas," the shrines which make of each house an inn for the infant Jesus.

It is probable that the custom was originated in the early days of Christian teaching in Mexico, when the wise old fathers taught by example as much as by precept, and when object lessons were made much use of in order that even the most ignorant might understand the doctrines of Christianity as set forth in the miracle plays and other methods of instruction.

The humblest form of "posada" is that where the representation of the manager with the humble beasts standing in apparent adoration of the infant Jesus forms the shrine. Before which candles are burning, and at which the worshippers kneel and pray that the house may be an inn for the reception of the Divine Child and His mother.

Thus it was that the priests set forth to the unbettered story of the Divine made Human; the rude stable excavated from the rock, with its equally rude managers where the beast made room for the birth of the Saviour, "because there was no room for them in the inn."

The inn of that time were primitive affairs, much like those of the present day. An enclosure within which the camels, horses and donkeys might be driven, with one side of the quadrangle filled with little cubicles in which the guests might shelter from storms. The food was cooked in the open, and only the sick or infirm made use of the sheltering roof, the others sleeping with the stars for night lights and the sky for a roof.

Yet even this humble shelter was denied Mary and Joseph, and they were forced to take refuge in the stable, which was by no means as unusual as it might seem to our Western eyes.

It is doubtful if we who learn our Bible lessons from the printed word, with more or less crudely executed engravings to illustrate the text, have ever had the lessons of the Scriptures brought home to us as have those who first heard the story of the miraculous birth of the Saviour from the lips of those devoted friars and had it illustrated with their own humble surroundings.

In Laredo some of the "posadas" are elaborate in the design and execution. No expense was spared to make them beautiful and at the same dignified in their appeal to the devotional sense. But of late years the custom has not been so widely observed, save among the poorer people, and it is for this reason that there are many here who have never seen this strikingly beautiful custom in all its religious appeal to the people, and for some years the stranger in our midst only knows vaguely of the custom through seeing the lights displayed outside the houses and through hearing of the to them—novel idea of making an inn of each house.

As is usually the case, the revival of the custom is due to the devout women and young women of the community. They see not only the beauty but the devotion expressed in this quaint and little known custom, and they feel the call to observe it as their forefathers did when New Spain was still unknown save in name to the greater part of the world.

And so the lights before the houses will not be confined to those of the humbler class, but will include many of the more pretentious residences, and the shrines will gleam in gold and silver, bright with candles and fall of color from draperies, as in years past.

To the Mexican of the interior a Christmas tree would be a novelty that would excite comment. But the "posadas" is to him the true way of celebrating the Advent and home to the One who in later years said "The Son of Man hath not where to lay His head." And the devotion which prompts this offer differs widely from the spirit that welcomes Christmas as the time of gifts.

SUGAR CONTROL.

The news that congress has passed the bill continuing government control of sugar for another year, merely the details remaining to be settled, will gratify everybody except the sugar trust.

The wholesale and retail dealers want the government control to continue in order that profiteering may be prevented and that honest dealers may be protected by the penalties held over the heads of the dishonest.

The public want sugar controlled because that is the only way a sugar famine may be prevented and an uncertainty as to supply be removed, giving everybody assurance of a certain quantity available everywhere throughout the country, with neither a shortage nor a surplus at any time.

It is true that the profit permitted to both wholesale and retail dealers is very small, but the fact is that the grocerymen have long since given up the idea of dealing in sugar because it is profitable. They carry it in the way that a cigar store supplies free lights to its customers; it is an accommodation for those who buy other things.

There is every prospect of our sugar opportunities. 50c. per month.

curing sufficient sugar to supply our real needs. We may not have any to waste, and the enforced rationing of our people during the past two years of more, with the certainty that it will continue for another year, will teach us all lessons of economy.

One thing the government control will do to sugar, and that is stabilize the price. There has been much fluctuation since the European war began, and recently the price jumped to unheard of heights. Not since the Civil War had we paid such a price for sugar, and the humble brown sugar brought more than the finest granulated used to.

But most of this fluctuation was due to the uncertainty on the part of the refiners as to the continuance of government control. Naturally the trust would like to reassume control of the sugar market, and the independents must follow suit or be put out of business.

But the certainty that the government is going to continue control will reassure everybody, from the producer of the raw article to the ultimate purchaser. The dealers do not care what the price is, so long as they know there is only a certain margin of profit permitted. It may not be enough to more than cover the overhead, but it is the same for all.

And the consumer is better satisfied to know that the price is fixed. It may be more than he has paid in the past, but he knows it is the same everywhere—at least, considering the distance from market and the cost of transportation—and he feels satisfied that no one will be allowed to "hog" it all and let some go with-out.

The candy manufacturers, the canners and preservers and others who use sugar in quantities will hope for some latitude in amounts permitted to be purchased, and yet they realize that the people must be served first—the manufacturers afterwards.

Government control of the sugar industry is better than government monopoly. There is no inducement under government control to increase the price, while a government monopoly is always subject to the insinuation that someone is "getting his" out of the manipulation.

When sugar production throughout the world is once more normal there will be little reason to exercise government control of the business, for competition and the natural law of supply and demand will keep the price within the reach of all.

Depreciated currency in some countries, unemployment, failure to plant and lack of transportation have all had their share in increasing the price of sugar, even without the abnormal demand for sugar caused by the war and the uneven distribution due to the necessity of keeping up the morale of the soldiers.

But after all, 22c sugar is no worse than 75c butter and eggs, and it appears to have a far better foundation. And if the government would exercise as strict a control of dairy products as it has over sugar, a material reduction in prices might follow.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 17.

Ex-Prince Joachim, the youngest of the six sons of the former German Kaiser, born at Potsdam, 29 years ago today.

William Lyon Mackenzie King, the new leader of the Canadian Liberal party, born at Kitchener, Ont., 43 years ago today.

Dr. Pierre Roux for many years Director of the Pasteur Institute of Paris, born 66 years ago today.

Rear Admiral Richard ("Fighting Dick") Walworth, U. S. N., retired, born in Washington, D. C., 70 years ago today.

Clinton Rogers Woodruff, widely known as a worker in good government and other public welfare movements, born in Philadelphia, 51 years ago today.

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POLL TAX PAYMENTS SLOW BUT BE BRISKER SHORTLY

Municipal, County, District, State and National Elections to Be Held Next Year; Get Your Poll Tax.

While the payment of poll taxes is slow at this time, due probably to the holidays, those interested in voting at the numerous elections to be held next year—municipal, county, district, state and national—had better get busy immediately and get out their county and city poll tax receipts in order to be enabled to exercise the rights of American citizens at the polls next year.

Next April Laredo will hold a municipal election, when a mayor and all other city officials, including a board of aldermen will be elected, later the board of school trustees will be elected, and in November, every officer from president down to constable will be elected. But unless voters otherwise qualified hold city and county poll tax receipts they are no better off than Chinamen when it comes to voting on election day. Get your poll taxes before it is too late—January 31, 1920, is the last day on which you can get them.

Masonic Notice.

Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M. tonight at 7:30 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. All visiting brethren invited to attend. FRITZ WERNER, W. M.

CRIMINAL DOCKET CALL IN DISTRICT COURT TODAY

In First Case Called, That of Violation of Automobile Regulations, Plea of Guilty, 15 Days in Jail.

The cases on the criminal docket set for trial by District Attorney John A. Valls are being taken up in district court here, the first cases being called this morning in the order in which they are set for trial. A jury was empaneled this morning and will sit in cases which do not require special venire, or until the end of the present week, and another jury will be sworn in next week.

The first case called this morning was that of Lino Torres, charged with violation of the automobile laws. Torres plead guilty to the charges preferred against him and was given fifteen days in the county jail.

The case of Emilio Rodriguez, who is charged with violation of the automobile law, is on trial before a jury.

Attention Knights Templar! Special Conclave of Malta Commandery No. 32 is called for Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. Sojourning Sir Knights cordially invited. By Order of Eminent Commander, W. H. MIMS, Recorder.

RECORDING OF OIL LEASES CONTINUES IN WEBB COUNTY

Nearly Every Day Leases for Oil and Gas Rights in Some Portion of County Are Filed for Record.

Six more prospect leases for oil and gas rights in Webb county were filed for record today with the county clerk by the Imperial Oil & Development Co., of Cisco, Texas, which holds valuable leases in this section.

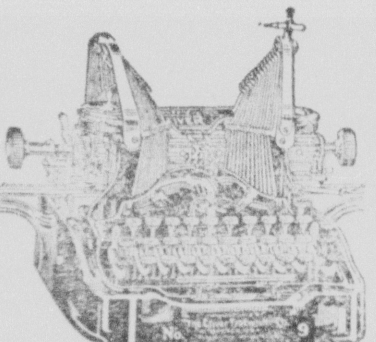
Nearly every day leases are being filed for record in Webb county by parties securing leases on land here for the purpose of prospecting for oil and gas. At this time there are several hundred thousand acres of Webb county land under lease for oil and gas prospect work by oil concerns and individuals from all sections of the United States.

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Joe Barberio & Co., have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.



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LOCAL NEWS

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of textile, three carloads of lead and one carload of beer.

—Horner's Pharmacy is temporarily located at 1217 Farragut street, in the Elk's building next to Electric & Ry. Co's office. 12-17-19.

—Before purchasing your Christmas candy see the special mixed candy at Laredo Candy Co. 12-15-19.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Francisco F. Nájera and Miss Sarah Rodriguez, Andres Guevara and Miss Refugio Aguirre, George D. Condren and Miss Marguerite Nelson.

—To save money buy your high class jewelry at the Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-19.

—For something real palatable call at Kennedy's delicatessen department at the Sanitary Grocery. Phones 666 and 665. 12-5-19.

—The county commissioners' court, after a short special session, during which routine business was transacted and salaries of officers fixed for the ensuing year, adjourned yesterday.

—Special price of 30c a pound for homemade French Christmas mixed candy at Pappas. 12-15-19.

—Dressmaking. Mrs. A. M. Horner, 1602 Washington street, phone 1179. 12-1-19.

—Only one week now until Christmas Day, which means that the remaining seven days will have crowded into them many activities by Christmas shoppers and fond parents providing for that stocking that shall not be empty on Christmas morning. Are you going to help make some little kiddo besides your loved ones happy on Christmas Day?

—Laredo Barber Supply Co. 515 Flores avenue. Phone 1126. We sharpen safety razor blades, razors and scissors. 11-18-19.

—We have a very large line of Parisian Ivory, manicure sets from \$1.00 to \$6.00, toilet sets from \$5.00 to \$50.00. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-19.

—Many an old gobbler finds himself confined to close quarters these days "eating his fool head off" so as to be fat and tender for execution a day or two before Christmas. There is no dearth of turkeys this season and every one who wants a gobbler for his Christmas dinner has been able to get one—but do not misconstrue the meaning, for turkeys are not being given away.

—All kinds of fancy boxes and candy canes at Pappas for Christmas. 12-15-19.

—We do all kinds of plumbing work, gas fitting and sewer work. Also making and repairing cess pools. For quick service phone 1203 day and night. B. Juarez, plumber. 8-12-19.

—I buy and sell anything from a pin to a locomotive; this includes farms and ranches. J. L. Fierros, 302 Farragut street. 2-17-19.

—Quite a number of Laredo people will be leaving here the early part of next week bound for some distant city to spend Christmas with relatives. On the other hand, many former Laredo people residing elsewhere will come back to this city to spend the holidays with relatives here.

—The Belmont Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1017. 6-20-19.

—Why not a Victrola for Christmas? Also, some fine new records. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-19.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-19.

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SERGEANT MILTON GILMORE VISITING OLD HOME HERE

CROPS WERE NOT DAMAGED BY SATURDAY COLD SPELL

Laredo Boy Who Was One of First to Answer Country's Call Comes Home to Spend the Holidays.

Onions and Cabbage, and in Fact All Vegetation in Laredo Section, Escaped Damage by Cold.

After an absence of over two years, Sergeant Milton Gilmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilmore, who is now with the Thirtieth Infantry, stationed at Camp Pike, Ark., arrived here this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents at his old home here.

Sergeant Gilmore was with one of the first commands of the American expeditionary forces to go "over there" when America entered the world war, and he participated in a number of engagements with his command, which was in the Third Division. The many friends of the young man are pleased to see him enjoying good health and making good in the regular army.

auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202. 6-15-19.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office, residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348. 4-27-19.

If your New Year resolution includes a course in the Laredo Business College during 1920 you're wise.

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Splendid Cough Medicine.

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

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MANY PRELATES TO CELEBRATE.

New York, Dec. 16.—During the coming year many prelates of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, including cardinals, archbishops, bishops and those of lesser rank, will celebrate their sacerdotal or episcopal jubilees and other milestones marking their career in the church.

Heading the list of celebrants will be the venerable Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, who on June 30 will enter upon his sixtieth year in the priesthood and on the same day will begin his thirty-fifth year as a wearer of the crimson robe and insignia of a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

Only a few years behind the venerable Baltimore prelate in point of service in the priesthood is the Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, bishop of Sioux Falls, who on November 5 will reach the fifty-fifth anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

Two bishops of the church will celebrate their sacerdotal golden jubilee during the year. They are Bishop Schwebach of La Crosse and Bishop Eis of Marquette, both of whom were ordained half a century ago.

Bishop Kondelka of Superior, Bishop Heaven of Springfield, Mass., and Bishop Burke of St. Joseph, Mo., will celebrate their forty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood.

On May 22 Rt. Rev. John P. Farrelly, bishop of Cleveland, and Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban, bishop of Scranton, will complete forty years in the priesthood. Later in the year a similar anniversary will be observed by Rt. Rev. John J. Monahan, head of the Wilmington, Del., diocese.

Among the prelates who will celebrate their thirty-fifth ordination anniversary during the year are Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco, and Bishops Donahue of Wheeling, Lillis of Kansas City, McDevitt of Harrisburg, and Lawler of Lead, S. Dak.

The thirtieth anniversary of their ordination will be celebrated by Most Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia; Rt. Rev. Cornelius Van de Ven, bishop of Alexandria, La., and Rt. Rev. John E. Gunn, bishop of Natchez.

The most Rev. George W. Mundelein, archbishop of Chicago, will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination on June 8. Other prelates who will observe their silver jubilee in the priesthood are Bishop of Cheyenne and Bishop McGrath of Baker City.

Bishop Lynch of Dallas Bishop Walsh of Trenton will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of their ordination.

In June the Rt. Rev. Benedict Anderson, bishop of Savannah and in November the Rt. Rev. Herman J. Aldering will complete his second decade of service as head of the diocese of Fort Wayne.

During the year the following prelates will round out ten years of service at the head of their respective dioceses: Bishop O'Donohue of Louisville, Heffron of Winona, Corbett of Crookston, O'Reilly of Fargo, Nilan of Hartford, Rice of Burlington, Vt., and Wehrle of Bismarck, N. Dak.

Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, whose name has been frequently mentioned of late in connection with the cardinalate, will complete five years as head of the Chicago archdiocese on Dec. 9.

In October the Rt. Rev. Anthony J. Schuler will round out five years of service as bishop of the El Paso diocese.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Prepared for The Times by the First National Bank in St. Louis.

In October the gold money stock of the United States decreased for the fourth consecutive month standing at \$2,872,525,066, the lowest point since January, 1917, when the total was \$2,864,841,650. The gold holdings reached their highest point on record in May, 1917, at \$3,121,887,443, so that the stock on November 1, 1919, showed a decrease of \$249,362,377 from the record figure.

The drop in gold holdings has continued since last July notwithstanding the balance of trade is favorable to this country by many hundreds of millions of dollars. This is due to the fact that the European nations which are heavily in the debt of this country are unable to pay off the adverse trade balances in gold, while the United States is shipping gold to the countries where the balance of trade is against us. In the case of the European countries their inability to settle in gold and the delay in securing large loans here has resulted in new low levels in foreign exchange, including the pound sterling, the French franc and Italian lire.

For the first nine months of 1919 imports of gold into the United States were \$56,253,645 and exports \$225,921,523, an excess of exports over imports of \$169,667,878.

With the death of ex-Empress Eugenie, now in her ninety-fourth year, her namesake and favorite, Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain, is expected to inherit what is said to be one of the finest private collections of jewels in the world.



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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Heights Civic Club will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and business meeting.

Wednesday
Condren-Nelson wedding will take place at Christ Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

My Own Work.

This is my work; my blessing, not my doom.
Let me do my work from day to day

In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market place or tranquil room;

Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,

"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the only one by whom

The work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;

Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall;

At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

General Mention.

Mrs. McNabb, wife of Capt. McNabb of the Aviation Corps, left last night for San Antonio and will be at Kelly Field, quarters 67-E. Capt. McNabb was recently transferred to Kelly Field for service.

San Antonio for a short stay.

Mrs. R. L. Sutton returned on Sunday from Missouri, where she visited her daughter.

Mrs. Ruby Campbell is able to be at home again, after a recent operation at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Keithley returned Sunday from a pleasant two weeks' visit to her sister in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pugh have taken the Hiatt cottage on the Heights.

Mr. J. P. Byrne, who was here in the immigration service, has been transferred to El Paso. His wife and children will leave tomorrow for El Paso to join him.

Mrs. M. M. Garcia returned yesterday from a short stay in San Antonio.

Mr. A. R. Vidaurri and little son returned on Sunday from San Antonio.

Mr. John Hollman of San Antonio was among the visitors in Laredo on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Floyd have moved their residence from the Heights to 916 Salinas avenue.

Mrs. Clara Mackin went to Encinal the latter part of last week for a short stay with Mrs. Welhausen.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Blinks expect to leave Saturday for Chicago to spend Christmas with his father.

Mr. W. C. Tipples left last night for his home in Baxley, Georgia, having received his discharge from the army.

Mr. Sam Johnson will arrive home tomorrow from college to spend the holidays.

Rev. A. F. Beddoe returned yesterday from Houston, where he attended the meeting of the Texas Baptist Association.

Announcements.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church have discontinued their weekly meetings until after the holidays.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Circle C of the W. M. U. of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. F.

H. Smith at 1220 Callahan street on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Ladies Aid Sale.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church held a sale of fancy articles, cakes, pies and candy on Saturday at Stowers' store which was a success in every way, as \$120 was cleared.

Entertainment.
Mrs. Agnes Huberich was hostess at a delightful party yesterday afternoon when she entertained the members of the Nullos Club and other guests. Roses, daisies and potted ferns were used in decoration, giving to the rooms a most festive appearance. In the games of bridge played the club prize, an attractive embroidered tray cover with crocheted ends, was won by Mrs. L. J. Christen. The guest prize, a crocheted yoke, was won by Mrs. H. D. Shelby. A two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames McComb, Christen, Turner and J. S. Penn; guests—Mesdames McKinney, Cogley, Young, Gumpert, Shelby, Mally, Boniger and Miss Eva Levi.

B. R. D. A. Entertained.
Miss Louise Dickinson entertained the members of the B. R. D. A. Club and other guests yesterday afternoon. Lotto was played, and candy, crackers and peanuts were served. Those present were: Mesdames L. Y. Dickinson, E. Barrera, C. M. de la Garza, and Enrique Benavides; Misses Amalia Garcia, Cuquita and Alicia Zuniga, Maria and Lilia Garza, Marina Avila, Estela Garza, Nene Peña, Amelia Gonzalez, Consuelo Saenz, Amelia Lachica, Melitona Villareal, Lilia Yaguirre, Raquel Erhardt, Clotilde Saldaña and Lilia Sanchez; Messrs. Ignacio Saldaña, Pablo Martinez, Jose Gonzalez, Lauro Rodriguez, Rafael Vidaurri, Cuco Benavides, Antonio Erhardt, Eduardo and Adolfo Gonzalez, Meme Feuille, Ricardo Reyna, William and Gregory Dickinson.

For the Poor Children.
Headed by Miss Teresa R. Lacroix, a committee composed of Misses Dolores Bobadilla, Carmen G. Martinez and Maria G. Martinez and Mrs. Maria R. L. Vda. de Brown have arranged for a festival on Christmas Day for the poor children of Nuevo Laredo. They have met with much success in this laudable activity, and are to be congratulated for the altruistic spirit which prompted it.

Posadas Begin Tonight.
At a meeting held by a number of girls Saturday afternoon it was decided to hold the "posadas" this year in the homes of the girls which will be announced tomorrow. The first is tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dominguez, corner Victoria street and Salinas avenue, and the committee in charge includes: Mrs. Dominguez, Mrs. Gonzales and Misses Virginia Cavazos, Ernestina Sanchez, Josefina Arellano and Maria Arellano.

PERSONALS
Gus Schmitt, a former well known young man of this city, but who now makes his home in San Antonio, arrived here yesterday on a short visit.

Allan Stowers is here from San Antonio today on a short business visit.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES.
"Wolves of the Night" at Royal.
If you returned home after a disappearance of five years, and found your wife married to a former rival, would you disappear gain and permanently, to save her suffering, or would you remain, denounce the second marriage, and claim her as yours? That's the problem that confronted a mining engineer of the great North west. How he solved it is set forth in "Wolves of the Night," a William Fox photoplay to be shown at the Royal Theatre today and tomorrow, with William Farnum the famous as the star.

"The Country Cousin" at Strand.
Admirers of pictures in which bathing beauties are featured will have an opportunity to feast their eyes on an outdoor bathing scene of unique character in Elaine Hammerstein's first Selznick Picture, "The Country Cousin," which will be shown at the Strand Theatre on Friday.

The play called for a jolly night party at a large suburban estate which reached its climax with an invitation to the guests to take a plunge in an outdoor pool.

The water carnival was staged with zest and glee, but Elaine Hammerstein, Walter McGrath, her leading man, and the supporting company did not for a moment lose sight of the grand finale, the outdoor splashing in the patricianlike pool. Finally came the words—"How about a little swim?"

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Preparations are going forward in England for a suitable observance of the Florence Nightingale centenary next May.

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CENTENARIES OF FAMOUS WOMEN.

New York, Dec. 16.—The year soon to begin will be one not only of unprecedented importance in the effect it is bound have upon the future participation of women in all fields of human activity, but it will possess a peculiar interest associating it with the past, for it includes the centenary anniversaries of the birth of an unusually large number of women, whose lives and achievements were of profound influence upon the social, moral and intellectual progress of the age. Many of these will be the subject of individual comment as the centenary dates occur, but the list is so imposing that a brief glimpse at a few of its leading features in the aggregate seems of interest at this time.

The year will bring the centenary of Susan B. Anthony, who has been called the greatest woman reformer the world has ever known. As a young woman Miss Anthony aided in organizing the first woman's temperance society. Later she participated in the anti-slavery movement and during the civil war she was an organizer of the Women's National Loyal League. At the close of the war she took up the cause of woman suffrage. The course of Miss Anthony's work after this time is a history of the whole movement for bettering the legal status of women; its complexity make a summary impracticable; the general results are matters of common knowledge. Miss Anthony continued her active work until her seventh year, when age compelled her to relinquish the leadership of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

With the world war still fresh in the public mind particular interest will attach to the centenary of Florence Nightingale, "the angel of mercy," who will always be remembered as the greatest nurse in history. In Miss Nightingale was found that rare combination of heart and brain which makes the ideal nurse. By means of her winsome personality and marked executive ability she dignified the profession of nursing and raised it from the makeshift employment of the degraded or ignorant up into the realm of the fine arts.

The sixth of October will bring the centennial anniversary of the birth of Jenny Lind, "the Swedish Nightingale," whose popularity as a singer has never been eclipsed. Many persons still living are able to recall the success that attended Jenny Lind's triumphal tour of America in the early '50s, under the direction of the late P. T. Barnum.

The distinguished English poet and novelist, Alice Cary, who with her sister attained fame as a writer of poetry and prose, and Anne B. Warner, a sister of the more famous Susan Warner, and herself the author of many popular novels.

There was also Fanny Crosby, the famous blind hymn writer, who spent the latter years of her long life in Bridgeport, Conn. She was the author of more than 8,000 hymns which have been sung in the Protestant churches through the world.

Heading the list of famous women of the stage who first saw the light in 1820 appears the name of Laura Keane, the celebrated actress and manageress, whose name will ever be associated in history with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, for it was to see the popular light comedy actress in "Our American Cousin" that the President attended the theatre on the night of April 14, 1863.

Education will be represented in the list of centenaries by the name Anna Jimima Clough, the founder of Newham College and a noted worker for the higher education of women in England.

Representing the world of art is the name of Eliza Pratt Greatorex, the Irish-born American artist, who was the first woman to be elected associate of the National Academy of Design.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 16.
Rear Admiral James M. Helm, who reaches the age for statutory retirement today, has had a long and varied career in the United States Navy since his graduation from Annapolis in 1875. He is a native of Illinois and was appointed to the Naval Academy from that State. In his early years in the service he was engaged largely in coast survey work. In the Spanish-American war he commanded the gunboat Hornet and was advanced five numbers in grade "for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle at Manzanillo, Cuba." In later years he commanded the cruisers Baltimore and Galveston and the battleship Idaho, his sea commands alternating with important shore duty in connection with the light house and coast guard services, and as commandant of different navy yards and naval stations.

Preparations are going forward in England for a suitable observance of the Florence Nightingale centenary next May.

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FRED. G. HUGO DECLARED HE SUFFERED NO HARDSHIPS AND NO REASON TO COMPLAIN

American Held Prisoner by Villistas Who Raided Muzquiz Released and Returned to Eagle Pass—Carranza Called Conference of Governors to Discuss More Rapid Pacification of Mexico.

POSTPONE HEARING MINERS OFFICIALS

ONLY ONE STILL AWAITING HEARING ON CONTEMPT CHARGES IS PRESIDENT KANSAS DISTRICT.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.—Hearing on contempt charges against the international and district officials of the United Mine Workers of America, except in the case of Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas district, was postponed indefinitely when called in the United States district court today. Howat was ordered to appear next Monday.

Howat is charged with continued violation of the court's injunction against furtherance of the strike.

Ninety Per Cent at Work.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The production of bituminous coal today rapidly approached the normal, reports indicating that 90 to 95 per cent of the miners were at work.

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LIQUOR DEALERS OF NEW JERSEY.

ED INVALID.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Permission to institute original proceedings to have the national prohibition amendment declared unconstitutional and the New Jersey and federal authorities enjoined from enforcing it was asked of the supreme court today by the Retail Liquor Dealers Association of New Jersey.

May Sue United States.

New York, Dec. 16.—Lawyers representing large liquor interests intimated that civil action against the United States government might be the next step in the fight against prohibition and that compensation for losses estimated at \$200,000,000 would be sought.

Dissolved Injunctions.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Motions to dissolve temporary injunctions issued against the district attorney and the collector of internal revenue here December 5 restraining them from interfering with the sale of whiskey were granted by United States District Judge Farris today.

Opposed Repeal.

Washington, Dec. 16.—An unfavorable report on the bill to repeal wartime prohibition was ordered by the house agriculture committee by a vote of 16 to 3. Representatives Rainey (Democrat) of Illinois, and Voight of Wisconsin and Ward of New York (Republicans) cast negative votes.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Wednesday partly cloudy to cloudy. Warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 38 degs.
Max. temp. 46 degs.
General direction of wind: North. Clear.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

On all the official reports of the city councils of Philadelphia, from 1822 to 1847, appears the imprint of Lydia R. Bailey, who was at that time a well-known woman printer in the Quaker City.

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In June the Rt. Rev. Benjamin J. Kelly will celebrate his twentieth anniversary as bishop of Savannah and in November the Rt. Rev. Herman J. Alarding will complete his second decade of service as head of the diocese of Fort Wayne.

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Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago, whose name has been frequently mentioned of late in connection with the cardinalate, will complete five years as head of the Chicago archdiocese on Dec. 9.

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The drop in gold holdings has continued since last July notwithstanding the balance of trade is favorable to this country by many hundreds of millions of dollars. This is due to the fact that the European nations which are heavily in the debt of this country are unable to pay off the adverse trade balances in gold, while the United States is shipping gold to the countries where the balance of trade is against us. In the case of the European countries their inability to settle in gold and the delay in securing large loans here has resulted in new low levels in foreign exchange, including the pound sterling, the French franc and Italian lire.

For the first nine months of 1919 imports of gold into the United States were \$56,253,645 and exports \$225,921,523, an excess of exports over imports of \$169,667,878.

With the death of ex-Empress Eugenie, now in her ninety-fourth year, her namesake and favorite, Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain, is expected to inherit what is said to be one of the finest private collections of jewels in the world.



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The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Heights Civic Club will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and business meeting.

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Condren-Nelson wedding will take place at Christ Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

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Let me but find it in my heart to say,
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,

"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the only one by whom

The work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small.

To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;

Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall,

At eventide, to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

General Mention.

Mrs. McNabb, wife of Capt. McNabb of the Aviation Corps, left last night for San Antonio and will be at Kelly Field, quarters 67-E. Capt. McNabb was recently transferred to Kelly Field station.

Mrs. A. C. Hamilton left today for San Antonio for a short stay.

Mrs. R. L. Sutton returned on Sunday from Missouri, where she visited her daughter.

Mrs. Ruby Campbell is able to be at home again, after a recent operation at Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Keithley returned Sunday from a pleasant two weeks' visit to her sister in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pugh have taken the Hiatt cottage on the Heights.

Mr. J. P. Byrne, who was here in the immigration service, has been transferred to El Paso. His wife and children will leave tomorrow for El Paso to join him.

Mrs. M. M. Garcia returned yesterday from a short stay in San Antonio.

Mr. A. R. Vidaurri and little son returned on Sunday from San Antonio.

Mr. John Hollman of San Antonio was among the visitors in Laredo on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Floyd have moved their residence from the Heights to 916 Salinas avenue.

Mrs. Clara Mackin went to Encinal the latter part of last week for a short stay with Mrs. Welhausen.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Binks expect to leave Saturday for Chicago to spend Christmas with his father.

Mr. W. C. Tipples left last night for his home in Baxley, Georgia, having received his discharge from the army.

Mr. Sam Johnson will arrive home tomorrow from college to spend the holidays.

Rev. A. F. Beddoe returned yesterday from Houston, where he attended the meeting of the Texas Baptist Association.

Announcements.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church have discontinued their weekly meetings until after the holidays.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Circle G of the W. M. U. of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. F.

H. Smith at 1220 Callahan street on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Ladies Aid Sale.
The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church held a sale of fancy articles, cakes, pies and candy on Saturday at Stowers' store which was a success in every way, as \$120 was cleared.

Entertainment.
Mrs. Agnes Huberich was hostess at a delightful party yesterday afternoon when she entertained the members of the Nuios Club and other guests. Roses, daisies and potted ferns were used in decoration, giving to the rooms a most festive appearance. In the games of bridge played the club prize, an attractive embroidered tray cover with crocheted ends, was won by Mrs. L. J. Christen. The guest prize, a crocheted yoke, was won by Mrs. H. D. Shelby. A two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames McComb, Christen, Turner and J. S. Penn; guests—Mesdames McKinney, Cogley, Young, Gumpert, Shelby, Mally, Boniger and Miss Eva Levi.

B. R. D. A. Entertained.
Miss Louise Dickinson entertained the members of the B. R. D. A. Club and other guests yesterday afternoon. Lotto was played, and candy, crackers and peanuts were served. Those present were: Mesdames L. Y. Dickinson, E. Barrera, C. M. de la Garza, and Enrique Benavides; Misses Amalia Garcia, Cuquita and Alicia Zuñiga, Maria and Lilia Garza, Marina Ayila, Estela Garza, Nene Peña, Amelia Gonzalez, Consuelo Saenz, Anella Lachica, Melitona Villareal, Lilia Yaguirre, Raquel Erhardt, Clotilde Saldaña and Lilia Sanchez; Messrs. Ignacio Saldaña, Pablo Martinez, Jose Gonzalez, Lauro Rodriguez, Rafael Vidaurri, Cucco Benavides, Antonio Erhardt, Eduardo and Adolfo Gonzalez, Meme Feuille, Ricardo Reyna, William and Gregory Dickinson.

For the Poor Children.
Headed by Miss Teresa R. Lacroix, a committee composed of Misses Dolores Bobadilla, Carmen G. Martinez and Maria G. Martinez and Mrs. Maria R. L. Vda. de Brown have arranged for a festival on Christmas Day for the poor children of Nuevo Laredo. They have met with much success in this laudable activity, and are to be congratulated for the altruistic spirit which prompted it.

Posadas Begin Tonight.
At a meeting held by a number of ladies at the home of Mrs. Garza Gonzaga Saturday afternoon it was decided to hold the "posadas" this year at the different houses which will be announced tomorrow. The first is tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Dominguez, corner Victoria street and Salinas avenue, and the committee in charge includes: Mrs. Dominguez, Mrs. Gonzales and Misses Virginia Cavazos, Ernestina Sanchez, Josefina Arellano and Maria Arellano.

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"The Country Cousin" at Strand
Admirers of pictures in which bathing beauties are featured will have an opportunity to feast their eyes on an outdoor bathing scene of unique character in Elaine Hammerstein's first Selznick Picture, "The Country Cousin," which will be shown at the Strand Theatre on Friday.

The play called for a jolly night party at a large suburban estate which reached its climax with an invitation to the guests to take a plunge in an outdoor pool.

The water carnival was staged with zest and glee, but Elaine Hammerstein, Walter McGrail, her leading man, and the supporting company did not for a moment lose sight of the grand finale, the outdoor splashing in the patricianlike pool. Finally came the words—"How about a little swim?"

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1485—Catherine of Aragon, whose matrimonial relations with Henry VIII were a factor in the English Reformation, born in England.	Cologne was placed under rigid martial law.
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1831—Hannah Adams, the first woman in America to make literature a profession, died at Brookline, Mass. Born at Medfield, Mass., in 1755.	
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1914—Austrians crossed passes of the Carpathians in Galicia.	
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MILLIONAIRE OIL MAN WHO BOUGHT BIG RANCH IN PARTY.

S. W. Forrester Was Accompanied Here by Joseph F. Green, Mrs. Chas. P. Taft and Several Others.

The private car "Forrester," one of the best in the country, arrived in Laredo last night over the Texas-Mexican road, bringing a party of distinguished guests, these being S. W. Forrester, the millionaire oil operator of Wichita, Kansas, who a few days ago purchased the Catarina ranch in Dimmitt county from the Taft interests for a consideration of about one million dollars; his wife, Mrs. Forrester; Joseph F. Green, of Gregory, manager of the Taft interests in Texas; Mrs. Charles P. Taft, wife of C. P. Taft, brother of ex-President Taft; E. M. Tutt, private secretary of Joseph F. Green; F. P. Steinhauer, F. M. Horn and Chester Lumber, capitalists from Wichita, Kansas.

The party came to Laredo from Gregory via Corpus Christi and are spending today here and in Nuevo Laredo sightseeing as the guests of United States Consul Randolph Robertson and M. T. Cogley, president of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. Mr. Forrester is much interested in Southwest Texas and the purchase of the Catarina ranch may be only one of several big investments he proposes to make in Texas in the very near future. He is much impressed with the Laredo country and may eventually acquire important holdings in this section. The party leaves tomorrow morning in the private car for the Catarina ranch in Dimmitt county, where they will spend several days before returning to Gregory.

Mr. Forrester and the members of his party, accompanied by M. T. Cogley and Consul Robertson, today visited the Santa Rosa farm southeast of Laredo and spent some time looking over the place. Whether or not there is any significance attached to the visit to this farm could not be learned.

Office of Deputy Collector of Customs, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 1, 1919. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on December 22, 1919, at ten o'clock at the Customhouse, three boxes face powder, two lots silver dress, one diamond ring, one lot opals, eight bicycles, ten pieces lace, seized for violation of Section 3082, Revised Statutes. A. R. Kahn, Deputy Collector of Customs.

Laredo Pool Halls Closed.
All the pool halls operating in Laredo, which have withheld closing their doors pending a decision in the pool law measure, yesterday afternoon and last night closed their doors in obedience to orders given them by District Attorney John A. Vallis. The law affected quite a number of pool halls here.

Notice.
1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.
H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas.
12-15-19.

Auto Thieves Captured.
Four small Mexican boys were arrested in this city yesterday morning charged with the theft of the new Ford car belonging to Denike & McKney, which has stolen from in front of the home of J. Seymour Denike on Saturday night. The boys had gone in roundabout ways as far as Palafox and then returned to Laredo, when they were arrested in the car, which carried a number belonging to another car, together with other accessories. The boys are in the county jail with charges of theft of a car against them, and maybe other charges.

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If your New Year resolution includes a course in the Laredo Business College during 1920 you're wise.

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SIX BELOW THE FREEZING POINT IN LAREDO SUNDAY

SEVEREST COLD SPELL OF THE SEASON PREVAILED HERE.

While No Damage is Believed to Have Been Done Vegetation, Cabbage and Onions "Looking Mighty Sick."

The severest cold spell of the winter season prevailed in the Laredo section of country on Sunday morning, when the mercury reached the minimum mark of 26 degrees above zero and exposed receptacles containing water were covered with a liberal coating of ice over a half-inch thick, while on protected places a light covering of ice was found, denoting the penetrating effect of the cold wave in which this section was wrapped on Saturday and Sunday.

The fresh norther struck here Saturday forenoon and during the day there was a gradual drop noted on the thermometer. Saturday night a misting rain began falling and remained in evidence until after midnight, when the mercury had reached the freezing point and was still dropping. At 6 o'clock Sunday morning, and up 8 o'clock or a little later, the thermometer registered below freezing, and then when the sun came out good and strong the mercury began to ascend, though it remained between 32 and 36 most of the forenoon and the air chilly and cutting and the full effects of the cold were experienced.

Young cabbage and onions, which have just been transplanted from the protected seedbeds to the open fields, got the full effect of the cold wave, and while no serious damage is reported to them, they were, as one farmer put it, "all looking mighty sick" Sunday morning, but this was only a wilting caused by the chilled atmosphere and no bad results were left. Hardier vegetation experienced no bad effects whatever from the cold while even tender vegetation of various kinds will not be damaged to any extent therefrom.

The cold spell yesterday, and which is still making its presence felt, was the severest of its kind experienced here before Christmas in a number of years, indicating that it is an early winter. Farmers are generally prepared for severe cold weather in January and February and take the necessary precautions to protect growing vegetation but it is seldom that a cold spell with the mercury registering six degrees below the freezing point visits the Laredo section of country before Christmas time, or the first of the year.

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED BALES
Local Gin Had Turned Out 1,685 Bales Up to Saturday Evening and Had About 15 Bales Yet to Gin.

When the gin of the Laredo Cotton Gin Co. on the Heights here completed their work on Saturday evening a total of 1,685 bales of cotton had been turned out by that plant and R. M. Jonsson, the manager of the plant, announced that only about fifteen bales remained to be ginned before the institution would close down for the season.

With the total output of the gin for the season being approximately 1,700 bales, and this being the first season that the Laredo cotton gin has been in operation, the prospects for a much greater crop in 1920 are most encouraging, and it is expected that the acreage in cotton will be increased to that extent in the Laredo section with evidences of prosperity on every hand and enter the new year with still greater promise of one of the greatest years in her history in the way of building.

For the early part of the new year the building program calls for a number of new business buildings, a \$75,000 home for the Elks lodge and numerous residences and cottages, while still others not yet planned for will be in prospect for the year 1920.

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DECEMBER 15
1485—Catherine of Aragon, whose matrimonial relations with Henry VIII were a factor in the English Reformation, born in Spain. Died at Kimbolton Castle in 1536.
1632—Isaac Walton, famous as the author of the "Complete Angler," died at Winchester, England. Born Aug. 9, 1593.
1810—Mrs. Sarah Trimmer, an English authoress and friend of Dr. Johnson, died in London. Born Jan. 6, 1741.
1831—Hannah Adams, the first woman in America to make literature a profession, died at Brookline, Mass. Born at Medfield, Mass. in 1755.
1885—John W. Daniel was elected United States senator from Virginia.
1914—Austrians crossed passes of the Carpathians in Galicia.
1915—General Sir Douglas Haig succeeded to the command of the British forces in France and Flanders.
1916—French smashed German lines at Verdun, penetrating two miles deep over a six-mile front, and taking more than 11,000 prisoners.
1917—Russo-German armistice signed at Brest-Litovsk.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY IN THE WAR.

DECEMBER 15
Cologne was placed under rigid martial law.
President Wilson placed a wreath on the tomb of Lafayette.
Should Be Quarantined.
Many physicians believe that anyone who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the disease, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure the sooner one rid himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.



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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS SPENT TODAY IN THIS CITY

MILLIONAIRE OIL MAN WHO BOUGHT BIG RANCH IN PARTY.

S. W. Forrester Was Accompanied Here by Joseph F. Green, Mrs. Chas. P. Taft and Several Others.

The private car "Forrester," one of the best in the country, arrived in Laredo last night over the Texas-Mexican road, bringing a party of distinguished guests, these being S. W. Forrester, the millionaire oil operator of Wichita, Kansas, who a few days ago purchased the Catarina ranch in Dimmitt county from the Taft interests for a consideration of about one million dollars; his wife, Mrs. Forrester; Joseph F. Green, of Gregory, manager of the Taft interests in Texas; Mrs. Charles P. Taft, wife of C. P. Taft, brother of ex-President Taft; E. M. Taft, private secretary of Joseph F. Green; F. P. Steinhauser, F. M. Horn and Chester Lumburg capitalists from Wichita, Kansas.

The party came to Laredo from Gregory via Corpus Christi and are spending today here and in Nuevo Laredo sightseeing as the guests of United States Consul Randolph Robertson and M. T. Cogley, president of the Texas-Mexican Ry. Co. Mr. Forrester is much interested in South-west Texas and the purchase of the Catarina ranch may be only one of several big investments he proposes to make in Texas in the very near future. He is much impressed with the Laredo country and may eventually acquire important holdings in this section. The party leaves tomorrow morning in the private car for the Catarina ranch in Dimmitt county, where they will spend several days before returning to Gregory.

Mr. Forrester and the members of his party, accompanied by M. T. Cogley and Consul Robertson, today visited the Santa Rosa farm southeast of Laredo and spent some time looking over the place. Whether or not there is any significance attached to the visit to this farm could not be learned.

Office of Deputy Collector of Customs, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 1, 1919. Notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on December 22, 1919, at ten o'clock at the Customhouse, three boxes fast powder, two lots silver dress, one diamond ring, one lot opals, eight bicycles, ten pieces lace, seized for violation of section 3082, Revised Statutes. A. Kahn, Deputy Collector of Customs.

Laredo Pool Halls Closed.
All the pool halls operating in Laredo, which have withheld closing their doors pending a decision in the pool law measure, yesterday afternoon and last night closed their doors in obedience to orders given them by District Attorney John A. Valls. The law affected quite a number of pool halls here.

Notice.
1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas
12-15-19

Auto Thieves Captured.
Four small Mexican boys were arrested in this city yesterday morning charged with the theft of the new Ford car belonging to Denike & McKinney, which has stolen from the front of the home of J. Seymour De-nike on Saturday night. The boys, which had no gin in that county this had gone in roundabout ways as far as Palafax and then returned to Laredo, when they were arrested in the car, which carried a number belonging to another car, together with other accessories. The boys are in the county jail with charges of theft of a car against them, and maybe other charges.

Splendid Cough Medicine.
"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

If your New Year resolution includes a course in the Laredo Business College during 1920 you're wise.

The school that keeps pace with Laredo. Why go elsewhere?

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SIX BELOW THE FREEZING POINT IN LAREDO SUNDAY

SEVEREST COLD SPELL OF THE SEASON PREVAILED HERE.

While No Damage is Believed to Have Been Done Vegetation, Cabbage and Onions "Looking Mighty Sick."

The severest cold spell of the winter season prevailed in the Laredo section of country on Sunday morning, when the mercury reached a minimum mark of 26 degrees above zero and exposed receptacles containing water were covered with a liberal coating of ice over a half-inch thick, while on protected places a light covering of ice was found, denoting the penetrating effect of the cold wave in which this section was wrapped on Saturday and Sunday.

The fresh norther struck here Saturday forenoon and during the day there was a gradual drop noted on the thermometer. Saturday night a misting rain began falling and remained in evidence until after midnight, when the mercury had reached the freezing point and was still dropping. At 6 o'clock Sunday morning, and up 8 o'clock or a little later, the thermometer registered below freezing, and then when the sun came out good and strong the mercury began to ascend, though it remained between 32 and 36 most of the forenoon and the air chilly and cutting and the full effects of the cold were experienced.

Young cabbage and onions, which have just been transplanted from the protected seedbeds to the open fields, got the full effect of the cold wave, and while no serious damage is reported to them, they were, as one farmer put it, "all looking mighty sick" Sunday morning, but this was only a wilting caused by the chilled atmosphere and no bad results were left. Hardier vegetation experienced no bad effects whatever from the cold while even tender vegetation of various kinds will not be damaged to any extent therefrom.

The cold spell yesterday, and which is still making its presence felt, was the severest of its kind experienced here before Christmas in a number of years, indicating that it is an early winter. Farmers are generally prepared for severe cold weather in January and February and take the necessary precautions to protect growing vegetation but it is seldom that a cold spell with the mercury registering six degrees below the freezing point visits the Laredo section 3082, Revised Statutes. A. Kahn, Deputy Collector of Customs.

SEVENTEEN-HUNDRED BALES MARK MAY BE REACHED HERE

Local Gin Had Turned Out 1,685 Bales Up to Saturday Evening and Had About 15 Bales Yet to Gin.

When the gin of the Laredo Cotton Gin Co. on the Heights here completed their work on Saturday evening a total of 1,685 bales of cotton had been turned out by that plant and R. M. Johnson, the manager of the plant, announced that only about fifteen bales remained to be ginned before the institution would close down for the season.

With the total output of the gin for the season being approximately 1,700 bales, and this being the first season that the Laredo cotton gin has been in operation, the prospects for a much greater crop in 1920 are most encouraging, and it is expected that the acreage in cotton will be increased to that extent in the Laredo section that the ginnings next season will be in about double what they were this season came from Zapata county, which had no gin in that county this year, but which expects to have a modern gin next year.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR AHEAD FOR LAREDO IN COMING YEAR

Large and Costly Buildings in Progress at End of Year Will Find Other in Prospect for 1920.

With work in progress on a \$300,000 oil refinery plant, a \$50,000 office and theater building, a \$40,000 saleroom and garage, a \$20,000 saleroom and garage, numerous substantial and modern residences and cottages, Laredo will pass out of the old year with evidences of prosperity on every hand and enter the new year with still greater promise of one of the greatest years in her history in the way of building.

For the early part of the new year the building program calls for a number of new business buildings, a \$75,000 home for the Elks lodge and numerous residences and cottages, while still others not yet planned for will be in prospect for the year 1920.

New Location.
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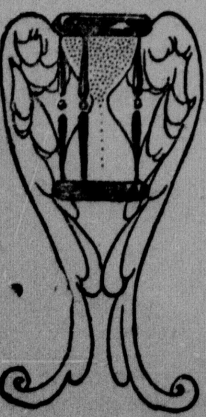
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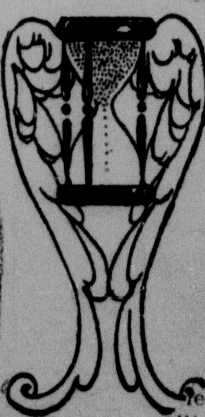
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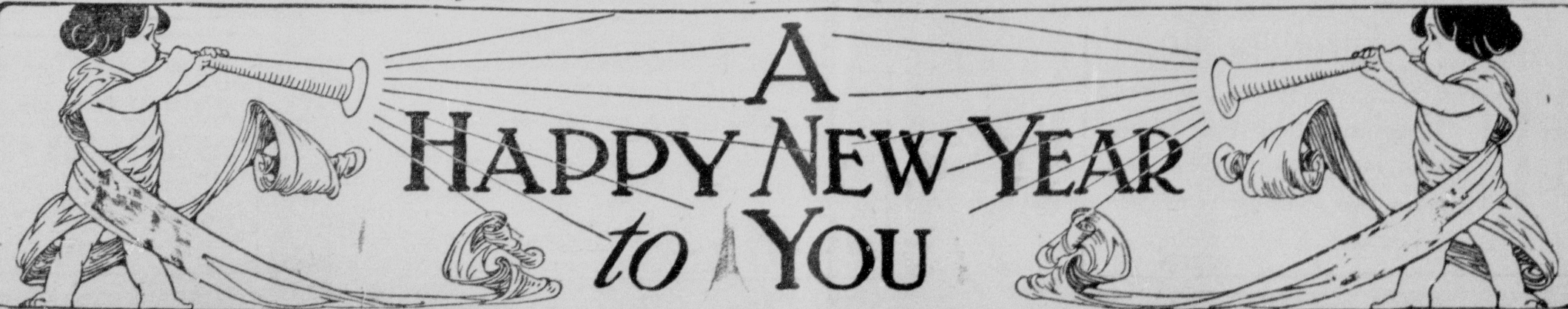
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The Belmont Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1017.

Why not a Victrola for Christmas? Also, some fine new records. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co.

We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202.

The criminal docket for the present term of the district court, as set by District Attorney Valls and announced in The Times last week, will be taken up in district court here on Wednesday morning and continued until disposed of. The present term of the district court will extend into the new year.

Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

AUCTION SALE.

There will be sold at Public Auction at Fort McIntosh, Texas, on Thursday, December 18th, 1919, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. and continuing until the sale is completed, the following condemned Motor Transport Property, viz: 1 Buick Ambulance (dissembled), 2 Reo 3/4-ton Trucks (one dissembled). The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Terms, cash at time of sale. Property must be removed by the purchaser within forty-eight (48) hours after the sale takes place.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.
Mrs. Agnes Huberich will entertain the Nullo Club at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
Visiting Day of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church.
Heights Civic Club will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and business meeting.

Tuesday.
The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.
Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.
Mrs. Gordon Lee, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies, for some time, has returned from San Antonio.

Mrs. Charles Hellen and baby returned Sunday to their home in Hebbronville.

Mrs. Norwood Witting will be the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr of San Antonio.

Mrs. Sue Smith will arrive today from Tyler, Texas, where she has been attending business college, having completed the business course and receiving her diploma.

Mrs. Everett Armstrong returned to Hebbronville on Sunday, after being the house guest of Mrs. G. W. Derby.

Mr. Gordon Lee of Virginia will arrive in the city on Wednesday to join his family, who are the guests of Mrs. A. Jefferies. He will enjoy a deer hunt while here.

Miss Margaret Hazelrigg is expected home Friday from San Antonio to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. J. C. Jefferies will come in from the ranch to be the holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies.

Announcements.

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Nelson to Captain George David Condon will take place at Christ Episcopal church, at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 17th. Reception after the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, 1529 Houston street.

The Condon-Nelson bridal party will be entertained at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the rehearsal on Tuesday evening, December 16th.

There will be a regular meeting of Miriam Chapter, No. 86, of the Eastern Star, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall.

A dance is to be given by the American Legion Monday evening, December 22nd, at 8:30 at Elks Hall. All members are urged to be present. For further information see any member of the following committee: R. L. Bobbitt, Alden B. Muller, Miles L. Hanchett, Ernest J. Biskamp, Aaron Moser.

Luncheon.
Mrs. T. A. McVicar entertained with a charming luncheon on Saturday, complimenting a few friends. The rooms were attractively decorated in yellow cosmos and branches of orange tree with golden fruit. The table was beautifully appointed, the favored color note of yellow being expressed in a low bowl of golden-hued cosmos and crystal candlesticks holding yellow-hued tapers, and sprays of delicate ferns being scattered over the cloth. Lovely hand-painted place cards bearing verses especially appropriate to each guest designated their places. A delicious six-course luncheon was served. During the ice course cards were passed around with a request to tell about "your first party." In this Mrs. McComb was the lucky prize winner and was given an attractive basket.

Those enjoying the delightful hospitality were: Mesdames McComb, Christen, Mims, J. H. Davis, Biggio, G. W. Derby, A. C. Richter and the hostess.

Christmas Entertainments at Post.
Three committees of officers and one committee of ladies have been appointed by Colonel Frank L. Winn, commanding Fort McIntosh, to make arrangements for Christmas festivities at the post. Plans are under way for five entertainments during the holidays, which include the following:

On the night of December 24th, a "smoker" at the Y. M. C. A. building at the post, starting at 7:30 o'clock. On the same night, an entertainment at the post hospital, Fort McIntosh, given by the American Red Cross for the patients and members of the hospital corps, in the newly furnished recreation room of the hospital.

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Christmas night, a cabaret dance at the Knights of Columbus building at Fort McIntosh.

New Year's morning, a military field day.

Arrangements for the smoker are in the hands of a committee composed of Major W. F. Donnelly, Captain William F. C. Jepson and Lieut. Wayne Archer. The big feature of this event is expected to be competitive company "stunts" and for this competition every company and detachment now at Fort McIntosh is expected to furnish a stunt. There will be a limit as to time, but there will be no other limit on the nature or size of the "stunt." Laredo Post of the American Legion also has been invited to enter a "stunt" and to attend any one or all of the holiday events at the post. Another feature of the smoker will be boxing bouts, probably three in number. Lieut. Joe Wood, who has had a great deal of experience in handling athletics at the post for the past year, is in charge of arrangements for the bouts. It is expected there will be three of those. And last, but not least, there will be, of course, the "eats" without which no smoker is complete.

Major Leonard G. Coop, field director of the American Red Cross for the Laredo district, is making arrangements for the hospital entertainment and is being assisted by members of the hospital corps at the post. The house-warming for the new recreation room at the hospital, which has been prepared and furnished by the Red Cross. This room will be one of the finest of its kind in the southwest. Pool tables, a bowling alley, comfortable chairs and excellent furniture have been installed by the Red Cross, and the lot of the man "marked hospital" promises to be much better in future as a result of it. Members of the hospital corps and patients in the hospital will be present at this entertainment.

Colonel Winn has appointed the following committee of officers to make arrangements for the Christmas tree for the post children: Major Henry F. Phillips, Captains Albert B. Kaempfer, Lucian D. Bogan and Otto C. Schultz. This committee will be assisted by a committee of Phillips, W. F. Donnelly, L. W. Maly, W. F. C. Jepson, Otto C. Schultz and Carl E. Everlof. Every child in the post is expected to be present, and Santa Claus himself will be there and distribute Christmas presents in person.

This entertainment will also be featured by a recital given by the children.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the New Year's day military field events is composed of Major Donnelly, Captains Norman P. Groff, Lloyd Zuppan and Edwin E. Keatley. There will be mounted events, a wall-scaling contest, a grenade-throwing contest and a number of athletic events in uniform. Prizes will be offered for the winner in each event.

Nothing definite has been decided as yet regarding the proposed cabaret dance at the Knights of Columbus building Christmas night. It is expected, however, that the dance will be held and in the event it is found possible an announcement will be made within the next two or three days.

LAREDO GOT RECOGNITION AND IS MADE FULL MEMBER

Texas Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Border in Selection of District Representatives.

It is a matter of importance to Laredo business interests, as well as to the Laredo district generally, that there should be a representative on the district board of directors of the Texas Chamber of Commerce. This organization is composed of all of the leading business men from the various chambers of commerce of the state, constituting a state organization under that name. The state organization has planned to have a complete board of directors and executive committee for the general office and executive work.

But the main purpose of the organization is to have a general viewpoint of the entire state at all times, and in order that the state body may act for the commercial interests of the state, as a whole. Or, in case any particular district might be in distress, or request support and co-operation of the other districts of the state, that those districts may be gotten together quickly and render their services not only promptly but efficiently.

With this in view, the state has been divided into sixteen districts. In order that all of the border conditions from Brownsville to Del Rio and south and southwest of San Antonio might be properly represented, and in order that the district board of directors might have at their command expert information at all times, the board of directors of the Texas Chamber of Commerce requested the Laredo Chamber of Commerce to recommend the director for this border

district. Accordingly, at the board of directors meeting of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce on December 11th, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, W. L. Guyler, was unanimously elected as the member from this district, for the director at large of the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Laredo has therefore been given proper recognition, and at a time when there is so much constructive work to be considered throughout the entire State, in readjusting the agricultural and business affairs to the new conditions which are constantly arising. It is a matter of greatest importance that this district should be given such recognition. Mr. Guyler has gone to Dallas to attend a specially called conference of the directors at large for this week. Quite a number of matters of special value for this district will be considered, and Laredo commercial interests may rest assured that our interests will be given proper consideration.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

1 cent per word for Rent, Found, For Sale, Lost or Exchange.

For Sale or Rent:—Rooms, apartments, bungalows, hotels, lots, blocks. J. Maxcy Pace, 920 Salinas Ave. Phone 676. 4-4-1f

For Sale:—Gentle horse, with buggy and harness, or will trade for good milch cow. Apply 1308 Scott street. 12-1-1f.

For Exchange:—Auto for lot, improved or unimproved, near Tex-Mex shops. Address Beckelhymer, care Times. 12-5-1f.

For Rent:—Seven room house with gas, water and light, on Heights. Apply 1115 Rosario street. 12-6-1f.

For Rent:—Brick cottage. Apply R. F. Alexander, 302 Main Ave. 12-9-6f.

For Sale:—Two 5 horsepower Bessemer gas engines with electric ignition. Laredo Water Company. 12-9-6f.

Wanted:—Competent instructor in Spanish for soldiers. Competent instructor for soldiers in elementary English branches for men, not familiar with English language or deficient in education. Competent instructor for radio operator and telegraph operator. Write or phone Capt. Jepson, Fort McIntosh, Texas. 12-9-6f.

Wanted:—To buy or rent a four or five room cottage; preferably brick. E. J. D. care Times. 12-10-1f.

For Sale:—Ten lots on I. & G. N. Ry.; extra fine warehouse and trackage property; in city limits. North of Home Ice Co. plant. Apply W. H. Baker at Hamilton Barber Shop. 12-10-6f.

For Sale:—Twenty-five head fine American jennets; all black, white nose, young and large. Frank Eldridge, Pearsall, Texas. 12-11-6f.

For Sale:—Counters and show cases for store. May be seen at 611 Flores avenue. 12-11-4f.

Wanted:—A first-class hardware clerk. Must know both English and Spanish, and have had experience. Brother. 12-12-1f.

For Sale:—National cash register. Freed & Spar, 1115 Turbide street. 12-13-1f.

Lost:—\$7.00 reward for the return of a red grip with contents. Lost near Allee December 10th. \$2.00 for information leading to recovery. P. Goebel, Gen. Del., Laredo, Texas. 12-13-2f.

For Rent:—Business block at the corner of Turbide street and San Eduardo avenue; 50x100 feet, brick. Has hay house adjoining of 400 bale capacity. Very moderate rent. Apply to A. Bertani. 12-15-3f.

For Sale:—Brand new solid Army blankets, \$7.95. Parcels post prepaid. Limited number, order now. Brown & Adleson, Robstown, Texas. 12-15-6f.

Found:—Lady's hand bag. Owner can recover same by applying to Mechanic G. A. Gamble, Supply Co. 37th Infantry, Fort McIntosh. 12-15-2f.

Wanted to Hire:—Some mules to plow. Also want contract for ground to be broken by the acre. J. B. Jones, Parker Ranch, North Laredo. 12-15-3f.

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D'Annunzio to Evacuate.
Fiume, Dec. 15.—Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fiume by D'Annunzio and its occupation by a contingent of the regular Italian army headed by General Savaglia.

Germany's Reply Delivered.
Paris, Dec. 15.—The German peace delegation this morning handed Germany's reply to the Entente note to Paul Dufasta, secretary of the peace conference.

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To Investigate Hugo Case.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The American embassy at Mexico City was directed today by the state department to make representations to the Mexican government regarding the kidnapping of Fred C. Hugo by Villistas. The embassy and the American consul at Eagle Pass have been instructed to make an independent investigation of the incident and also investigate the reports that the Villistas carried off another American named Phillips.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 15.

Congressman Claude Kitchin, who urges a big increase in the income tax rate on corporations if the excess profits taxes are done away with is the ranking Democrat of the House Ways and Means Committee, and was head of that body when the excess profits tax was enacted in 1918.

Educated at Wake Forest college, the cultural mother of so many sons of North Carolina, young Kitchin, in 1899, turned to the law as a calling, and within a decade had won rank as a thinker and orator such as to induce his neighbors to send him to Congress. There he has remained, showing ability as a parliamentary leader and debater, which ability was only recognized several years ago when he was made floor leader of the Democratic party in the House.

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Restrictions Removed.

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Wait Return to Work.

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—The Strand Theater, Mr. Kintz, manager, has installed a number of radiators to provide heating facilities for that playhouse. Now when the weather is real cold outside the Strand is "as warm as toast" on the interior. The Royal Theater has likewise provided for the comfort of its patrons.

—The Belmont Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 107.

—Why not a Victrola for Christmas? Also, some fine new records. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co.

—We paint automobiles; also make auto tops. Fidel Cantu, Phone 202.

—The criminal docket for the present term of the district court, as set by District Attorney Valls and announced in The Times last week, will be taken up in district court here on Wednesday morning and continued until disposed of. The present term of the district court will extend into the new year.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at home office; residence 812 Farragut street. Residence phone 348.

AUCTION SALE.

There will be sold at Public Auction at Fort McIntosh, Texas, on Thursday, December 18th, 1919, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. and continuing until the sale is completed, the following condemned Motor Transport Property, viz: 1 Buick Ambulance (dissembled), 2 Geo. 3-ton Trucks (one dissembled). The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Terms, cash at time of sale. Property must be removed by the purchaser within forty-eight (48) hours after the sale takes place.

W. H. GEORGE, 1st Lieut., 37th Inf., Ass't M. T. Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas, December 2nd, 1919.



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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.
Mrs. Agnes Huberich will entertain the Nullos Club at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Visiting Day of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church.
Heights Civic Club will meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon for the election of officers and business meeting.

Tuesday.
The Tuesday Bridge Club will be entertained by Mrs. E. J. Foster at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.
Sunbeam Band of the Baptist church will meet at the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.
Mrs. Gordon Lee, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies, for some time, has returned from San Antonio.

Mrs. Charles Hellen and baby returned Sunday to their home in Hebbronville.

Mrs. Norwood Witting will be the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr of San Antonio.

Mrs. Sue Smith will arrive today from Tyler, Texas, where she has been attending business college, having completed the business course and receiving her diploma.

Mrs. Everett Armstrong returned to Hebbronville on Sunday, after being the house guest of Mrs. G. W. Derby.

Mr. Gordon Lee of Virginia will arrive in the city on Wednesday to join his family, who are the guests of Mrs. A. Jefferies. He will enjoy a deer hunt while here.

Miss Margaret Hazelrigg is expected home Friday from San Antonio to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. J. C. Jefferies will come in from the ranch to be the holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. A. Jefferies.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Announcements.
The marriage of Miss Marguerite Nelson to Captain George David Condor, will take place at Christ Episcopal church, at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, December 17th. Reception after the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, 1520 Houston street.

The Condren-Nelson bridal party will be entertained at the home of the bride's parents immediately after the rehearsal on Tuesday evening, December 16th.

There will be a regular meeting of Miriam Chapter, No. 86, Order of the Eastern Star, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic Hall.

Advance is to be given by the American Legion Monday evening, December 22nd, at 8:30 at Elks Hall. All members are urged to be present. For further information see any member of the following committee: R. L. Bobbitt, Alden B. Muller, Miles L. Hanchett, Ernest J. Biskamp, Aaron Moser.

Luncheon.
Mrs. T. A. McVicar entertained with a charming luncheon on Saturday, complimenting a few friends. The rooms were attractively decorated in yellow cosmos and branches of orange tree with golden fruit. The table was beautifully appointed, the favored color note of yellow being expressed in a low bowl of golden-hued cosmos and crystal candlesticks holding yellow-hued tapers, and sprays of delicate ferns being scattered over the cloth. Lovely hand-painted place cards bearing verses especially appropriate to each guest designated their places. A delicious six-course luncheon was served. During the ice course cards were passed around with a request to tell about "your first party." In this Mrs. McVicar was the lucky prize winner and was given an attractive basket. Those enjoying the delightful hospitality were: Mesdames McComb, Christen, Mims, J. H. Davis, Biggio, G. W. Derby, A. C. Richter and the hostess.

Christmas Entertainments at Post.
Three committees of officers and one committee of ladies have been appointed by Colonel Frank L. Winn, commanding Fort McIntosh, to make arrangements for Christmas festivities at the post. Plans are under way for five entertainments during the holidays, which include the following:

On the night of December 24th, a "smoker" at the Y. M. C. A. building at the post, starting at 7:30 o'clock. Laredo Chamber of Commerce to recommend the director for this border

ment at the post hospital, Fort McIntosh, given by the American Red Cross for the patients and members of the hospital corps, in the newly furnished recreation room of the hospital.

Christmas afternoon, a Christmas tree for all the children of the post. This probably will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building, though definite announcement as to the place has not yet been made.

Christmas night, a cabaret dance at the Knights of Columbus building at Fort McIntosh.

New Year's morning, a military field day.

Arrangements for the smoker are in the hands of a committee composed of Major W. F. Donnelly, Captain William F. C. Jepson and Lieut. Waine Archer. The big feature of this event is expected to be competitive company "stunts" and for this competition every company and detachment now at Fort McIntosh is expected to furnish a stunt. There will be a limit as to time, but there will be no other limit on the nature or size of the "stunt." Laredo Post of the American Legion also has been invited to enter a "stunt" and to attend any one or all of the holiday events at the post. Another feature of the smoker will be boxing bouts, probably three in number. Lieut. Joe Wood, who has had a great deal of experience in handling athletics at the post for the past year, is in charge of arrangements for the bouts. It is expected there will be three of those. And last, but not least, there will be, of course, the "eat" without which no smoker is complete.

Major Leonard G. Coop, field director of the American Red Cross for the Laredo district, is making arrangements for the hospital entertainment and is being assisted by members of the hospital corps at the post. The house-warming for the new recreation room at the hospital, which has been prepared and furnished by the Red Cross. This room will be one of the finest of its kind in the southwest. Pool tables, a bowling alley, comfortable chairs and excellent furniture have been installed by the Red Cross, and the lot of the man "marked hospital" promises to be much better in future as a result of it. Members of the hospital corps and patients in the hospital will be present at this entertainment.

Colonel Winn has appointed the following committee of officers to make arrangements for the Christmas tree for the post children Christmas afternoon: Major Henry F. Phillips, Captains Albert B. Kaempfer, Lucian D. Bogan and Otto C. Schultz. This committee will be assisted by a committee of ladies composed of Mesdames Henry F. Phillips, W. F. Donnelly, L. W. Maly, W. F. C. Jepson, Otto C. Schultz and Carl E. Everlof. Every child in the post is expected to be present, and Santa Claus himself will be there and distribute Christmas presents in person.

This entertainment will also be featured by a recital given by the children.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the New Year's day military field events is composed of Major Donnelly, Captains Norman P. Groff, Lloyd Zupann and Edwin E. Keatley. There will be mounted events, a wall-scaling contest, a grand-throwing contest and a number of athletic events in uniform. Prizes will be offered for the winner in each event.

Nothing definite has been decided as yet regarding the proposed cabaret dance at the Knights of Columbus building Christmas night. It is expected, however that the dance will be held and in the event it is found possible an announcement will be made within the next two or three days.

LAREDO GOT RECOGNITION AND IS MADE FULL MEMBER

Texas Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Border in Selection of District Representatives.

It is a matter of importance to Laredo business interests, as well as to the Laredo district generally, that there should be a representative on the district board of directors of the Texas Chamber of Commerce. This organization is composed of all of the leading business men from the various chambers of commerce of the state, constituting a state organization under that name. The state organization has planned to have a complete board of directors and executive committee for the general office and executive work.

But the main purpose of the organization is to have a general viewpoint of the entire state at all times, and in order that the state body may act for the commercial interests of the state as a whole. Or, in case any particular district might be in distress, or request support and co-operation of the other districts of the state, that those districts may be gotten together quickly and render their services not only promptly but efficiently.

With this in view, the state has been divided into sixteen districts. In order that all of the border conditions from Brownsville to Del Rio and south and southwest of San Antonio might be properly represented, and in order that the district board of directors might have at their command expert information at all times, the board of directors of the Texas Chamber of Commerce requested the Laredo Chamber of Commerce to recommend the director for this border

district. Accordingly, at the board of directors meeting of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce on December 11th, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, W. L. Guyler, was unanimously elected as the member from this district, for the director at large of the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Laredo has therefore been given proper recognition, and at a time when there is so much constructive work to be considered throughout the entire State, in readjusting the agricultural and business affairs to the new conditions which are constantly arising. It is a matter of greatest importance that this district should be given such recognition. Mr. Guyler has gone to Dallas to attend a specially called conference of the directors at large for this week. Quite a number of matters of special value for this district will be considered, and Laredo commercial interests may rest assured that our interests will be given proper consideration.

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1 cent per word for Rent, Found, For Sale, Lost or Exchange.

For Sale or Rent:—Rooms, apartments, bungalows, hotels, lots, blocks J. Maxcy Pace, 920 Salinas Ave. Phone 676.

For Sale:—Gentle horse, with buggy and harness, or will trade for good milch cow. Apply 1308 Scott street.

For Exchange:—Auto for lot, improved or unimproved, near Tex-Mex shops. Address Beckelhymer, care Times.

For Rent:—Seven room house with gas, water and light, on Heights. Apply 1115 Rosario street.

For Rent:—Brick cottage. Apply R. F. Alexander, 302 Main Ave.

For Sale:—Two 5 horsepower Beasmer gas engines with electric ignition. Laredo Water Company.

Wanted:—Competent instructor in Spanish for soldiers. Competent instructor for soldiers in elementary English branches for men, not familiar with English language or deficient in education. Competent instructor for radio operator and telegraph operator. Write or phone Capt. Jepson, Fort McIntosh, Texas.

Wanted:—To buy or rent a four or five room cottage; preferably brick. E. J. D. care Times.

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FRED HUGO RELEASED BY VILLISTAS SAYS TELEGRAM FROM GENERAL ALFREDO RICAUT

Carranza Garrison at Piedras Negras Informed that Villistas Released All Prisoners without Payment of Ransom Money—
Our Government Had Already Made Representations to Mexican Authorities.

GENERAL CAVIGLIA TO COMMAND FIUME

D'ANNUNZIO'S FORCES TO EVACUATE AND BE RELIEVED BY REGULAR ITALIAN TROOPS.

By Associated Press.
Trieste, Dec. 15.—General Caviglia, former minister of war, arrived in Trieste today on a special mission from General Diaz, chief of staff to General Diaz and second in command of the Italian army, to take over the command at Fiume. The greatest secrecy is maintained by government officials regarding the solution of the Fiume question. Nothing has been given out from government offices concerning the most recent agreement.

D'Annunzio to Evacuate.
Fiume, Dec. 15.—Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fiume by D'Annunzio and its occupation by a contingent of the regular Italian army headed by General Saviglia.

Germany's Reply Delivered.
Paris, Dec. 15.—The German peace delegation this morning handed Germany's reply to the Entente note to Paul Datzsta, secretary of the peace conference.

No Irish Bill.
London, Dec. 15.—Lloyd George announced in the house of commons this afternoon that no Irish bill would be introduced at this session of parliament. He promised a statement Monday giving an outline of the measures.

SUPREME COURT DID NOT FAVOR WET SIDE

WARTIME PROHIBITION ACT DECLARED CONSTITUTIONAL IN OPINION BY JUSTICE BRANDEIS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 15.—The wartime prohibition act was held constitutional today by the supreme court, deciding appeals from Kentucky and New York. Opinion was read by Associate Justice Brandeis. Federal decrees in New York dismissing proceedings brought by Drysco, Blum & Co. to compel internal revenue officials to permit the withdrawal from bond of whiskey for beverage purposes were affirmed by the court. In deciding the question the supreme court also dissolved injunctions restraining revenue officials from interfering with the removal from bond of about 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey valued at approximately \$75,000,000 held by Kentucky distilleries and a warehouse company at Louisville. The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of congress, Justice Brandeis said, reading the decision of the court. Justice Brandeis said the government did not appropriate the liquor by stopping its domestic sale, as the way was left open for exporting it.

WEATHER FORECAST.
The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Tuesday fair; rising temperature.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 28 degs.
Max. temp. 46 degs.
General direction of wind: North. Clear.

Grape Camp W. O. W. Elects.
Grape Camp No. 255, Woodmen of the World, have elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: T. J. Emerson, consul commander; W. L. Irwin, advisory lieutenant; G. C. Emerson, escort; E. B. Brewster, banker; N. A. Miller, clerk; Lucas A. Barrera, sentry; E. W. Blake, watchman; J. E. Trout and J. A. Burnett, managers. The installation of the new officers will take place on January 2.

By Associated Press.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Dec. 15.—Fred G. Hugo of El Paso, manager of the J. M. Dobie ranch near Muzquiz, Mexico, has been released by the Villistas who had held him for \$10,000 ransom, according to advices received here today. No ransom money was paid. The information of Hugo's release was contained

From Tuesday's Daily.

JOHN BARLEYCORN.

According to latest advices, John Barleycorn is dead and apparently beyond all hope of resurrection. The supreme court decides that the wartime prohibition act is constitutional; it was passed by congress and signed by the president, therefore it was legally adopted; congress refuses to revoke it, so it is the law of the land. So what's the use of fussing any more about it?

There is not the slightest probability that the wartime prohibition act will be set aside by presidential proclamation declaring demobilization, and one month from today the constitutional amendment making the nation dry will go into effect, being one year from the date of the last ratification of the thirty-six states needed to adopt it.

If there had been any chance of defeating constitutional prohibition, the wets would have some reason for their activity, but all this excitement over the question of whether or not there is some legal quibble which will render the operation of the act ineffective, or some means of declaring a law adopted in legal form to be unconstitutional, is tommyrot.

There is not the slightest doubt that if the dregs had failed they would have adopted the same tactics, which leads one to believe that we are somewhat disposed to question our own laws, made by our representatives and ratified by a majority of the states.

If it is true, as has been charged, that a majority of the people do not want prohibition, and that the ratification by thirty-six states of the Union was merely the act of the politicians who did not really represent the people, then in future the constitution should be so amended as to give the people the power—as they have the right—to ratify or reject any proposed changes in our basic law.

But it is too late to affect the prohibition amendment, and all must make the best of existing conditions until the time comes when it is possible to change them. To whine over what has happened is babyish. It is not particularly to the credit of the wet leaders that they have resorted to such tactics as those of the past few months in an attempt to set aside a law which was adopted in a legal manner.

The probability is that some day there will be a return of wet conditions, modified perhaps by the knowledge that the old conditions were bad and were the cause of the change. But the time will come when the law will be reformed by the mere passage of an act of congress. Even the enforcement of the law will not reform men's morals or change their appetites.

But whatever change in present conditions comes about in the future will come by law, not by legal trickery and quibbling. It will come about because the majority of the people are convinced that prohibition by statute is not a proper measure of reform, or because the greater part of the people want the right to use intoxicating liquors if they see fit.

There are many laws which do not particularly please all people, yet we demand the strict observance of those laws by all. We establish courts and officers of the law for the enforcement of what our legal representatives have adopted as the law to govern us.

And it should be the same with the prohibition law. Every loyal citizen should obey that law just as he does the law against smuggling, against improper use of the mails, against illegal entry of aliens and the other laws that we have come to look upon as peculiarly federal laws.

There is no doubt that the advocates of prohibition recognize the fact that the prohibition law is not popular. They are doing everything in their power to uphold the officers of the law in its enforcement, although many of them would not have gone out of their way to aid the officers in the enforcement of the laws against murder, robbery, arson, forgery and the like. Probably some of those now most vitally concerned in enforcing the dry law would have evaded jury duty in other cases. But not in this case.

PLAN OF ANNIHILATION.

Some time ago it was announced in the Mexican press that prominent military leaders recommended a campaign of extermination against the Yaquis, who had always been resistant to civilization and who had for many years successfully resisted the Mexican government, never having been under the domination of the former Spanish government.

Now it seems that the plan has begun to be carried into effect, for a recent news item in Excelsior, one of the most important of the Mexico City dailies, announce that General Juan Torres, campaigning in the state of Sonora, had given orders for the summary execution of Jose Oroz, one of the Yaqui chiefs, and ten of his immediate followers, "as a warning to the other Yaquis now in arms against the constituted authorities."

It is true that Torres justifies—or attempts to—his action by the report that these particular Yaquis had recently attacked a train, resulting in the killing of several innocent parties.

But the Carranza plan seems to be based on a policy of extermination of all enemies of that party, and this is

not the first time that a summary execution has followed the capture of prisoners. Indeed, the Carranza soldiers show themselves fully as savage as the Indians against whom they are now campaigning.

Civilized warfare prohibits the execution of prisoners surrendered until after a duly constituted court has tried them for offenses without the rules of civilized warfare. It may be that the Yaquis have been guilty of such crimes, but there is nothing to show that they were tried and found guilty before their execution. They were merely ordered shot, "as a warning" to those who might be disposed to defy the "duly constituted authorities."

As a matter of fact, the Yaquis have never recognized the authority of any Mexican—or Spanish—government. They have claimed the right to administer their own laws in their own territory. They are renowned fighters, and they have on many occasions defeated superior forces sent against them.

On the other hand, they have treated Americans and other foreigners with consideration when not guilty of abuses against the Yaqui code, which is a simple though severe one. They demand to be let alone, and save when they fought with one side or the other during the various rebellions of the past decade, they have usually kept strictly to their own territory.

It is declared that the Yaquis are not amenable to civilization, and that they are a pagan race with no respect for Christianity. But that alone is not enough to condemn a whole tribe to death.

The Yaquis are relentless in the pursuit of those who have wronged or abused them. Many of them were sent years ago to Quintana Roo to serve as slaves and others have been sent to the henequen plantations of Yucatan in lieu of other penal colonies to which they might be transported.

They are stern in their primitive conception of justice, and those who have wronged their women have especially been the object of their revenge. It used to be said that an Indian never forgets, and surely the Yaquis have lived up to that tradition.

Yet many of the Yaquis have voluntarily served those whom they liked, and their service was invariably loyal. Under the leadership of General Obregon, himself a Yaqui, they performed deeds of valor that reminded one of the heroes of ancient legend.

It may be that the present dislike of Carranza based upon his detestation of this resolve to be rid of the Yaquis, once and for all.

But the Spaniards, with their bloodhounds and their arms, were no match for the silent and impassive Yaquis, who are among the best trailers in the world, and Torres may have accepted a bigger contract than he can fulfill in his determination to exterminate the brave and independent tribe. It is one thing to issue manifestos and another to carry them out, as he may find to his sorrow before his campaign is ended.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 16.
Arthur Bodanzky, conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra, born in Vienna, 42 years ago today.
Rear Admiral James M. Helm, U. S. N., retired, born at Grayville, Ill., 64 years ago today.

Oscar B. Colquitt, former governor of Texas, born at Camilla, Ga., 58 years ago today.

Ralph Adams Cram, celebrated architect and author, born at Hampton Falls, N. H., 56 years ago today.

Rufus Hardy, representative in Congress of the Sixth Texas district, born in Monroe County, Miss., 64 years ago today.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

DECEMBER 16.
1845—The House of Representatives voted to receive Texas into the Union.

1850—William E. Burton, the famous comedian, made his last stage appearance at Hamilton, Ont.

1875—One hundred persons killed in a coal mine disaster at Mons, Belgium.

1894—A monument to the memory of Father Damien, the missionary to lepers, was unveiled at Louvain, Belgium.

1900—The Boers invaded Cape Colony.

1914—Nearly 100 persons were killed in a German raid on three towns on the east coast of England.

1915—Austrians advanced in Montenegro, while Italians landed army in Albania.

1916—Four French divisions swept away five German divisions at Verdun in spite of desperate defense.

1917—British and French troops joined the Italian army in the defense of the Piave line.

Masonic Notice.
Called meeting of Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., in M. M. degree postponed to Wednesday at 7:30. All visiting brethren invited to attend.
FRITZ WERNER, W. M.

HUGHES MAKES GAIN OF FIFTEEN POUNDS

THERE WAS HARDLY A DAY IN FIFTEEN YEARS WHEN HE WAS FREE OF PAIN.

"I wouldn't be back in the fix I was in before I took Tanlac for all my possessions," said William R. Hughes, a former resident of Newport, Ark., and now living at 1206 West Third street, Oklahoma, Okla.

"There was hardly a day in fifteen years," he continued, "that I was free from suffering. I couldn't eat anything except the lightest kind of diet, or my stomach would get all out of order and stay so for days. I lost my appetite and dreaded for mealtime to come; my kidneys worried me and I had an awful pain right in the small of my back that stayed with me night and day. I was so nervous I could hardly sleep and at times I was so badly crippled up with rheumatism that I could hardly stir around and my farm ran down because I was unable to work it."

"After taking Tanlac a while my appetite returned and I can now eat anything that is put before me. All those aches and pains are gone and I have no more rheumatism. I have gained fifteen pounds in weight, feel strong and well, sleep like a log at night and can work hard all day. Tanlac has put me in better shape than I have been in many years, and all I could say in its praise wouldn't be half enough."

All druggists sell Tanlac.

OIL DRILLING ACTIVITIES WILL START ABOUT LAREDO

Several Drilling Outfits Are Expected to "Spud in" During the Early Part of the Coming Year.

The indications at this time are that the early part of the new year of 1920 will see great activity in oil development work in this section, including the beginning of work by the Bortex Oil Co. near Orville, north of Laredo; by the Swastika Oil Co. near Reiser, east of Laredo and also in one or two other places, while the Webb-Zapata Oil Co., with its deep test well in Zapata county will be well on its way to the precious fluid, which they hope to bring in in "gusher" quantity.

There are a number of good shale-oil prospects in the area, and the deep test down there to a depth of 4,000 feet if necessary will be watched with keen interest by all concerned. The Bortex Co. and another concern are getting ready to drill for oil in the country north of Laredo, while it is said that one or two companies are planning to drill northeast of Laredo on land recently leased for that purpose.

All the drilling operations are expected to be gotten under full headway during the month of January and by early summer it should be definitely decided whether or not there is oil in paying quantities in the Laredo section, which geologists claim there is.

HUNTING SEASON WANTING; MANY HAVEN'T GOT A DEER

Bad Weather and Reptiles Hinder Huntsman and Airplanes Said to Be Scaring the Deer Away.

Two weeks more of the season remains in which to get that supply of venison, and many hunters who generally have their supply by this time each year have this season been prevented from bringing down their pair of bucks by the bad weather conditions and the fact that the chaparral is alive with rattlesnakes and other venomous reptiles and insects.

Another complaint heard from the nimrods with the guns is that the aviators in their airplanes have caused the deer to "like to the tall timbers" as a result of flying low over prairies where deer generally gambol, and then the deer stay "under cover" from dread of the whirling noise overhead. It is said that less deer have been killed by hunters in the Laredo section of country this year than in many years past due to the causes referred to.

CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING AHEAD ON TWO BIG PLACES

Excavation Work on Laredo Auto Sales Building Finished and National Motor Co. on Second Story.

The work of excavating for the large and spacious basement of the modern garage and salesroom for the Laredo Auto Sales Co. at the corner of Convent Avenue and Houston street, has been completed and work is now underway on putting in the reinforced walls in the basement. Early in the new year the walls of this large and handsome building, which will be quite an acquisition to that portion of the city, will begin to "loom up" and be rushed to completion.

The brick work on the building of the National Motor Co. at the corner of Flores Avenue and Houston street is going rapidly ahead, the brick masons now being at work on the second story of the corner portion of the building. The building in the rear of the two-story part will be a one-story brick structure.

DEPOT SERVICE PROVIDED MAIL BOX AT THE STATION

Postmaster Worsham Arranged For Collection of Mail By Mail Clerks on Departure of Trains.

Suggestions had been made by various members of the Chamber of Commerce that it would be a great advantage to many of our business men to provide for a mailbox at the I. & G. N. depot, from which the railway mail clerks on the outgoing day passenger trains might collect the mail going by their route, and thereby often save a day's delay in the movement of important mail.

The secretary promptly had a conference with Postmaster Worsham who stated that such a service had been planned for sometime, but that the mailbox had been stationed in the baggage room, and no publicity had been given the service. It was therefore arranged to select a location at the south end of the depot just outside of the Texas Mexican tracks. The mailbox and post was transferred from the corner opposite on Farragut St. and installed on the depot side between the Texas-Mexican tracks, at a convenient point for our citizens to pass by and drop the mail.

Postmaster Worsham advises that the railway mail clerk on train No. 8 will collect the mail from this box for this train at 8:15 a. m. This is the North bound I. & G. N. leaving at 8:30 a. m. The railway mail clerk on Train No. 2 east, being the Texas-Mexican to Corpus Christi, will collect mail from this box at 9:40 a. m. Hence parties having important mail to leave on these morning trains will make sure to have it go, if it is dropped previous to 8:15 a. m.

This box will be used for dropping all classes of mail, as heretofore, because the railway mail clerks will only take up such mail as is due to go out on their train. The remaining mail will be taken up by the usual city mail carrier.

This service will be greatly appreciated by our business men for the reason that owing to the early departure of the I. & G. N. morning train, mail dropped at the postoffice during the early morning hours cannot be made up in time for the departure of the first mail out.

Office of Deputy Collector of Customs, Port of Laredo, Texas, December 9, 1919. Notice is hereby given that a Ford automobile has been seized at Laredo, Texas, on December 1, 1919, for violation of Section 2082, R. S. Any person claiming this automobile should appear and file his claim with this office. Unless such a claim is filed the automobile will be sold at public auction at the Customhouse at 10 A. M. on January 14, 1920. A. R. Kahn, Deputy Collector of Customs.

IT IS SERIOUS

Some Laredo People Fail to Realize the Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back, the weariness, the tired feeling, the pains and aches of kidney ills may result seriously if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles often follow.

A Laredo citizen shows you what to do.

J. C. Stein, barber, 1620 Lincoln St., says: "Some time ago I came down with a severe backache. It hurt me to stoop over or to straighten up. My kidneys acted too frequently and I was compelled to arise often at night. I heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended so I bought some and started using them. I used about two boxes and they entirely removed the trouble. I haven't been bothered since. I gladly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Stein had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

IMPERSONATING OLD SANTY IN DELIVERING PACKAGES

Mail Carriers at This Time Have "Their Hands Full" and Shoulders, Too, With Christmas Packages.

Consider the mail carriers these days as they try to emulate old Santa Claus and go about on their routes burdened down with holiday packages which arrive by parcels post and must be delivered to the addresses given. The mail carriers are getting their physical exercise good and plenty these days, and as muscular development will necessarily result, some of them may take on Jack Dempsey after the holidays fade away.

The parcels post shipments into Laredo at this time are quite heavy, and the same condition appertains to the outgoing mails—all mail cars are loaded to their capacity with parcels post packages, while there are also a number of registered mail packages going to and fro. The express company is likewise doing a big holiday business—coming and going—and this will continue until about the first of the year, as many belated Christmas gifts will reach here several days after Christmas Day, but "better late than never."

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LAREDO

AND GOOD REFINERY WILL DO

C. B. PORTER LEFT FOR HEAD-QUARTERS IN FORT WORTH.

Very Grateful for Many Courtesies Shown Him During His Several Days Business Visit to Laredo.

C. B. Porter, representing the American Financing Co., the concern which is financing the Texas Independent Pipe Lines Co., which will in the next few days begin preliminary work here on the construction of a \$200,000 oil refinery, and who on last Friday afternoon addressed a number of the local shareholders of the pipe lines company, left last night for his headquarters in Fort Worth, but hopes to return to Laredo some day in the near future.

"I was very much pleased with my visit to Laredo," said Mr. Porter to The Times representative, "and now that the oil refinery will soon be in course of construction, I know Laredo will soon come to a realization of what such an industry means. Those with whom I had the pleasure of conversing during my stay in Laredo are enthusiastic over the prospects of the refinery proving a paying investment, and they have just reason to so believe, for it will be a financial success. I appreciate the many courtesies shown and the many hospitalities accorded me during my stay here and I will always be a booster for Laredo and her affable people."

Mr. Porter stated that the representative of the contracting firm which is to erect the refinery should be in Laredo this week to get busy on plans for the starting of construction work as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Report Shows Liberal Response Made By People of Laredo to Help Unfortunate of City.

Believing that it will be of interest to those who contributed in the campaign held by the Associated Charities for funds for the equipment and maintenance of its recently established hospital, there is given herewith an account of funds collected:

Amount received on Tag Day from sale of tags, \$843.02; contributed at the union service held at the Presbyterian church and at service at Christ Church on Thanksgiving Day, \$78.00.

Amount contributed by the business men of the city, \$1660.

Making a grand total of \$2561.02. The undersigned desire to express their thanks to the people of Laredo for their liberal response to the call of the association for funds for the care of the unfortunate in our city, also to all those who gave themselves unsparingly to the work of carrying out of the plans of the campaign committee.

The business men who subscribed to the fund and who have not yet paid their subscription may send their check to J. A. Burnett, 1917 Farragut street, treasurer of the association.

JOHN COLMAN, Pres.
C. W. COOK, Vice-Pres.
L. H. WHARTON, Gen. Sec'y.

"OUCH! ANOTHER RHEUMATIC TWINGE

Get busy and relieve those pains with that handy bottle of Sloan's Liniment

WHAT Sloan's does, it does thoroughly—penetrates without rubbing to the afflicted part and promptly relieves all manner of external pains and aches. You'll find it clean and non-skin-staining. Keep it handy for sciatica, lumbago, neuralgia, over-exerted muscles, stiff joints, pains, bruises, stains, sprains, bad weather after-effects.

For 38 years Sloan's Liniment has helped thousands the world over. You won't be an exception. It is unequalled in producing results.

All druggists—35c., 70c., \$1.40.

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Commissioners' Court Meets.

The commissioners' court of Webb county convened in special session at the court house this morning for the transaction of routine business coming before them. Among the matters demanding the attention of the commissioners at this time is the fixing of salaries of county officers and assistants for the year 1920.

Christmas Trees.

Joe Barberio & Co., have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

12-15-19.

Notice to Hunters.

Account existing conditions hunting in Jarra, Barrocito, Burritos, Tortuga and La Mota pastures will be detrimental to interests of owners of cattle therein, so will ask that no requests be made of me for hunting permits.

J. D. JENNINGS.
10-31-2m.

POINTS ABOUT MEXICO.

Mexico has an area of 767,097, or one-fourth of that of the United States.

The population is a little over 15,000,000, or less than that of the two States of New York and Pennsylvania, and of this only about 20 per cent are white.

The ancient City of Mexico, with a population of about half a million, is the capital and chief centre of culture.

Vera Cruz, on the Gulf of Mexico, is the principal port of entry, and Monterey is the principal railway centre.

Leon, San Luis Potosi, Puebla and Guadalupe are centres of the mining industry.

Mexico is bounded on the north by the United States, on the south by Honduras and Guatemala, on the east by the Gulf of Mexico, and on the west by the Pacific ocean.

Agriculture is backward, but the climate and soil, varying according to altitude, are favorable for the produce of both temperate and tropical zones.

In the higher altitudes wheat, corn, and other cereals are raised, while the lowlands produce large quantities of coffee, rice, sugar cane, cotton, tobacco, cacao, and tropical fruits.

Minerals are the chief resource, for Mexico is one of the foremost silver producing countries of the world. The country also has rich deposits of copper, lead, mercury, iron, sulphur, tin, and other mineral products.

Of late years the oil wells have brought fabulous wealth to Mexico, which now ranks next to the United States and Russia in the production of petroleum.

The chief manufacturing industries are smelting, cotton milling, distilling, and the manufacture of tobacco and its products.

In theory the Government of Mexico is modelled closely after that of the United States, but in practice the country has been ruled to a large extent by the simpler method of ignoring the Constitution.

President Venustiano Carranza, the present chief executive, came into power on Aug. 12, 1914, the sixth to hold the reins since the resignation of President Diaz in 1911. The Carranza Government was recognized by President Wilson, Oct. 19, 1915.

The prevailing religion in Mexico is Roman Catholic, but all sects are tolerated.

Mexico has between 15,000 and 20,000 miles of railway, built and financed largely by Americans.

FATTEST BOY IN THE WORLD



This is Lenny Mason of Leicester, England, a boy of sixteen who weighs 420 pounds, making him the world's fattest boy. Some of Lenny's other dimensions are as follows: Arm circumference, 23 inches; chest, 64 1/2 inches; thigh, 28 inches, and calf, 24 inches.

Old Tree Made Prolific.

An old back-yard apple tree in an Ohio city is yielding, in rotation, crops of apples of the extra-early, early, medium-early, fall and winter varieties, besides seven kinds of pears—a total of 36 varieties of fruit. The tree, more than 75 years old, was thought to be dead and in an advanced stage of decay, when the horticulturist responsible for its metamorphosis began his experiments. Skillful and studied grafting, of course, accomplished the seeming miracle. The renewed tree is now vigorous enough to produce some 40 to 50 bushels of fruit every year, all of the choicest kind. Its owner declares that yielding several varieties of fruit at different seasons makes a healthier tree than the usual production of a heavy crop all in one season.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

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LOCAL NEWS

—The Retail Merchants Association is today removing its headquarters from the Treviño building on Lincoln street to the Bertani building on Hidalgo street.

—The work of razing the buildings on the corner of Hidalgo street and Salinas Avenue to make room for the large and modern business block and theater to be erected there by Messrs. Earnest, Lattig and Russell, is now under headway by Contractor L. V. Jambers.

—The importations through this port from Mexico yesterday afternoon consisted of two carloads of ore, one carload of beer, four carloads of ixtle, three carloads of lead and five carloads of copper.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Leroy T. Hagborn and Miss May V. Beatty, Louis E. Burrows and Miss Mary Correu, Arturo Hernandez and Miss Arcia Flores.

—The stores in Laredo this week present animated appearances with the crowds of holiday shoppers who are out making their purchases of Christmas goods and incidentally getting things in readiness so that there will be no empty stockings in their households on Christmas morning.

—Both the "movies" have on feature plays for this evening, the Royal having "Wolves of the Night" and the Strand having "Partners Three." In both pictures great stars take the leading role, the play at the Royal having William Farnum, and that at the Strand starring Enid Bennett.

—All who have not been approached to buy Christmas Red Cross Seals are requested to phone Mrs. Greer at No. 307 to get their supply. These seals go to a fund for a most laudable purpose and everybody should use them liberally on Christmas letters and packages. Get a supply at once.

FOURTEENTH DECENNIAL CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, by the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1919, the Fourteenth Decennial Census of the United States is to be taken beginning on the second day of January, 1920; and Whereas, a correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of determining the representation of the several States in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance to the interests of all the people of the United States that this Census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the Nation;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. The census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employee of the Census Bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employees of the Census Bureau and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-fourth.

WOODROW WILSON,

By the President:
WILLIAM PHILLIPS,
Acting Secretary of State.

The first woman compositor ever employed in the Government Printing Office in Washington was a Miss Green, of Alliance, O., who went to work in 1870.

TIMES WANT ADS.
Money Makers

From Tuesday's Daily.

JOHN BARLEYCORN.

According to latest advices, John Barleycorn is dead and apparently beyond all hope of resurrection. The supreme court decides that the wartime prohibition act is constitutional; it was passed by congress and signed by the president, therefore it was legally adopted; congress refuses to revoke it, so it is the law of the land. So what's the use of fussing any more about it?

There is not the slightest probability that the wartime prohibition act will be set aside by presidential proclamation declaring demobilization, and one month from today the constitutional amendment making the nation dry will go into effect, being one year from the date of the last ratification of the thirty-six states needed to adopt it.

If there had been any chance of defeating constitutional prohibition, the wets would have some reason for their activity, but all this excitement over the question of whether or not there is some legal quibble which will render the operation of the act ineffective, or some means of declaring a law adopted in legal form to be unconstitutional, is tommyrot.

There is not the slightest doubt that if the dries had failed they would have adopted the same tactics, which leads one to believe that we are somewhat disposed to question our own laws, made by our representatives and ratified by a majority of the states.

If it is true, as has been charged, that a majority of the people do not want prohibition, and that the ratification by thirty-six states of the Union was merely the act of the politicians who did not really represent the people, then in future the constitution should be so amended as to give the people the power—as they have the right—to ratify or reject any proposed changes in our basic law.

But it is too late to affect the prohibition amendment, and all must make the best of existing conditions until the time comes when it is possible to change them. To whine over what has happened is babyish. It is not particularly to the credit of the wet leaders that they have resorted to such tactics as those of the past few months in an attempt to set aside a law which was adopted in a legal manner.

The probability is that some day there will be a return of wet conditions, modified perhaps by the knowledge that the old conditions were bad and were the cause of the change demanded by so many.

It is too much to expect that the world will change and frail humanity be reformed by the mere passage of an act of congress. Even the enforcement of the law will not reform men's morals or change their appetites.

But whatever change in present conditions comes about in the future will come by law, not by legal trickery and quibbling. It will come about because the majority of the people are convinced that prohibition by statute is not a proper measure of reform, or because the greater part of the people want the right to use intoxicating liquors if they see fit.

There are many laws which do not particularly please all people, yet we demand the strict observance of those laws by all. We establish courts and officers of the law for the enforcement of what our legal representatives have adopted as the law to govern us.

And it should be the same with the prohibition law. Every loyal citizen should obey that law just as he does the law against smuggling, against improper use of the mails, against illegal entry of aliens and the other laws that we have come to look upon as peculiarly federal laws.

There is no doubt that the advocates of prohibition recognize the fact that the prohibition law is not popular. They are doing everything in their power to uphold the officers of the law in its enforcement, although many of them would not have gone out of their way to aid the officers in the enforcement of the laws against murder, robbery, arson, forgery and the like. Probably some of those now most vitally concerned in enforcing the dry law would have evaded jury duty in other cases. But not in this case.

PLAN OF ANNIHILATION.

Some time ago it was announced in the Mexican press that prominent military leaders recommended a campaign of extermination against the Yaquis, who had always been resistant to civilization and who had for many years successfully resisted the Mexican government, never having been under the domination of the former Spanish government.

Now it seems that the plan has begun to be carried into effect, for a recent news item in Excelsior, one of the most important of the Mexico City dailies, announces that General Juan Torres, campaigning in the state of Sonora, had given orders for the summary execution of Jose Oroz, one of the Yaqui chiefs, and ten of his immediate followers, "as a warning to the other Yaquis now in arms against the constituted authorities."

It is true that Torres justifies—or attempts to—his action by the report that these particular Yaquis had recently attacked a train, resulting in the killing of several innocent parties.

But the Carranza plan seems to be based on a policy of extermination of all enemies of that party, and this is

not the first time that a summary execution has followed the capture of prisoners. Indeed, the Carranza soldier show themselves fully as savage as the Indians against whom they are now campaigning.

Civilized warfare prohibits the execution of prisoners surrendered until after a duly constituted court has tried them for offenses without the rules of civilized warfare. It may be that the Yaquis have been guilty of such crimes, but there is nothing to show that they were tried and found guilty before their execution. They were merely ordered shot, "as a warning" to those who might be disposed to defy the "duly constituted authorities."

As a matter of fact, the Yaquis have never recognized the authority of any Mexican—or Spanish—government. They have claimed the right to administer their own laws in their own territory. They are renowned fighters, and they have on many occasions defeated superior forces sent against them.

On the other hand, they have treated Americans and other foreigners with consideration when not guilty of abuses against the Yaqui code, which is a simple though severe one. They demand to be let alone, and save when they fought with one side or the other during the various rebellions of the past decade, they have usually kept strictly to their own territory.

It is declared that the Yaquis are not amenable to civilization, and that they are a pagan race with no respect for Christianity. But that alone is not enough to condemn a whole tribe to death.

The Yaquis are relentless in the pursuit of those who have wronged or abused them. Many of them were sent years ago to Quintana Roo to serve as slaves and others have been sent to the henequen plantations of Yucatan in lieu of other penal colonies to which they might be transported.

They are stern in their primitive conception of justice, and those who have wronged their women have especially been the object of their revenge. It used to be said that an Indian never forgets, and surely the Yaquis have lived up to that tradition.

Yet many of the Yaquis have voluntarily served those whom they liked, and their service was invariably loyal. Under the leadership of General Obregon, himself a Yaqui, they performed deeds of valor that reminded one of the heroes of ancient legend.

It may be that the present dislike of Obregon based upon his determination to be a candidate for the presidency, may have something to do with this resolve to be rid of the Yaquis, once and for all.

But the Spaniards, with their bloodhounds and their arms, were no match for the silent and impulsive Yaquis, who are among the best trailers in the world, and Torres may have accepted a bigger contract than he can fulfill in his determination to exterminate the brave and independent tribe. It is one thing to issue manifestos and another to carry them out, as he may find to his sorrow before his campaign is ended.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 16.
Arthur Bodanzky, conductor of the New York Symphony Orchestra, born in Vienna, 42 years ago today.
Rear Admiral James M. Helm, U. S. N., retired, born at Grayville, Ill., 64 years ago today.
Oscar B. Colquitt, former governor of Texas, born at Camilla, Ga., 58 years ago today.
Ralph Adams Cram, celebrated architect and author, born at Hampton Falls, N. H., 55 years ago today.
Rufus Hardy, representative in Congress of the Sixth Texas district, born in Monroe County, Miss., 64 years ago today.

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Olive Camp No. 1320, W. O. W., Select New Set of Officers to Serve Them During 1920.

Olive Camp No. 3170, Woodmen of the World, of this city, have elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: A. F. Joseph, past consul commander; E. H. Sanchez, consul commander; J. T. Wise, advisory lieutenant; A. D. Kutz, banker; J. R. Fasnacht, secretary; M. Castillo, escort; A. L. Herbeck, assistant escort; A. R. Chapa, watchman; Isidro Romano, sentry; Dr. John T. Hall, physician; H. G. Teal, J. M. Azios and A. B. Galo, managers.

The installation of the newly-elected officers will take place at the first meeting in January. On Sunday, December 21, Olive Camp, W. O. W., will unveil a monument to the late Sovereign Gregorio Lopez.

Notice.

1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas.
12-15-15t.

Woodmen Notice.

All Sovereigns of Olive Camp are requested to attend an evening ceremony at the Laredo National Bank Building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

J. R. FASNACHT, Clerk,
Olive Camp No. 3170.

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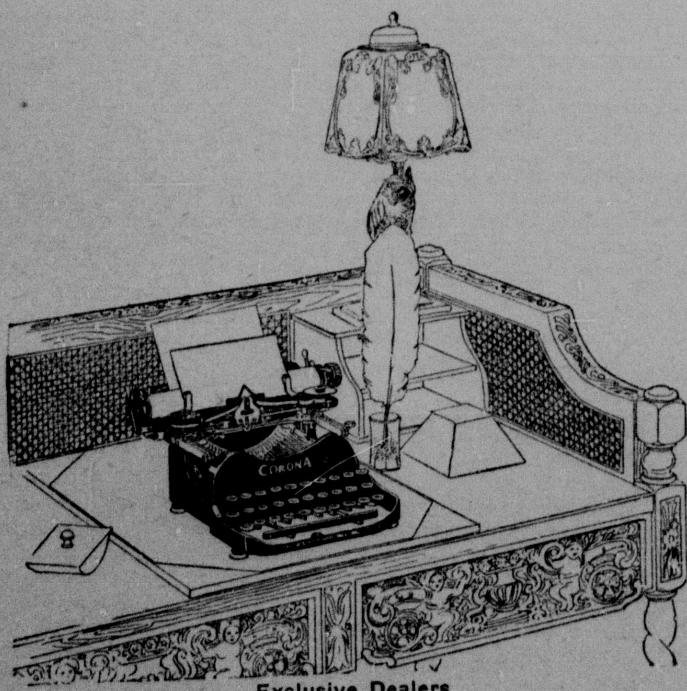
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MORE RAIN IS IN PROSPECT ACCORDING INDICATIONS

Misting Rain Fell Here During Early Hours of Morning and Then Began Again This Forenoon.

After a day or two of sunshine Laredo is again experiencing that disagreeable condition of weather caused by heavy clouds, fog and dampness generally, and the indications are for another long wet spell, unless there is a sudden change for the better very soon.

In the early hours of this morning a light rain fell here, then the moisture ceased for a short time and again was in evidence this forenoon, when a misting rain began to fall and continued up to noon, with indications of prolonging its stay long enough to settle down to a genuine rain before the skies clear and the sun attempts to show his glowing face again.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

Condren-Nelson wedding will take place at Christ Episcopal Church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Thursday.

The Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Josephine Sauvignat at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Circle A, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. C. C. Burr in the afternoon.

Circle D, W. M. U. of the Baptist church, will meet with Mrs. F. H. Smith, 1220 Calhoun street, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Carnival at K. of C. Hall, Fort McIntosh, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening.

General Mention.

Mr. I. Rosenbaum and family have moved their residence from 1010 Juarez avenue to 1104 Houston street.

Miss May Netzer, who is attending the University in Austin, will arrive on Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Netzer.

Miss Evelyn and James Moore are expected home on Sunday morning from Austin for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert McCulloch are expected in Laredo about the 29th and will have apartments at the Seymour home on Juarez avenue.

Mr. Charles Ernst will arrive in the city today to attend the Condren-Nelson wedding.

Mr. H. P. Westcott of Erie, Pa., who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Cullinan, left for home last night to spend Christmas with his family. He enjoyed a deer hunt at Zapata while here.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Thursday partly cloudy to cloudy. Weather somewhat warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 43 degs.
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By Associated Press.

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WON'T ADD TO WORRIES.

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By Associated Press.

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ALWAYS TAKES PLEDGE FOR LIFE.

Padre Gleason, who is the ranking chaplain of the navy, and in the opinion of a good share of the gobs the ranking officer of that organization, tried to persuade a sailor to take the pledge the other day. In spite of the nominal bone-dryness of the world the wanderer had been able to find a snootful in every port he entered. After long discussion the culprit agreed.
"I'll take the pledge, father," said he, "and I'll keep it, too. I'm a man of my word."
"Good," said Father Gleason. "That's the manly thing to do, my boy. And for what period do you wish to sign?"
"Well," said the sailor, "I generally take the pledge for life."

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These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the effect.

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RHODE ISLAND NOW JOINS IN ANTI FIGHT

WANTS TO BEGIN TEST SUIT ON THE VALIDITY OF THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rhode Island, through its attorney general, today asked the supreme court for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the national prohibition amendment.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

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General Pershing is scheduled to pay a visit of inspection today to Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, O.

The annual convention of the Tri-State Packers' Association will meet at Philadelphia today for a two-day session.

Problems of vital importance to the creamery industry are to be discussed by the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' Association, meeting today at Portland.

A new passenger service between New York and Hamburg, to be conducted under the American flag, will be inaugurated today with the departure of the steamship Manchuria from New York.

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Olive Camp No. 3170, Woodmen of the World, of this city, have elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: A. F. Joseph, past consul commander; E. H. Sanchez, consul commander; J. T. Wise, advisory lieutenant; A. D. Kutz, banker; J. R. Fasnacht, secretary; M. Castillo, escort; A. L. Herbeck, assistant escort; A. R. Chapa, watchman; Isidro Romano, sentry; Dr. John T. Hall, physician; H. G. Teal, J. M. Azios and A. B. Galo, managers.

The installation of the newly-elected officers will take place at the first meeting in January. On Sunday, December 21, Olive Camp, W. O. W., will unveil a monument to the late Sovereign Gregorio Lopez.

Notice.

1920 Motor Vehicle License should be obtained before January 1st, 1920. The operation of a car after that date without 1920 seal attached is a violation of the law.

H. LIGARDE,
Tax Collector, Webb Co., Texas.
12-15-16.

Woodmen Notice.

All Sovereigns of Olive Camp are requested to attend unveiling ceremony at the Laredo National Bank building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

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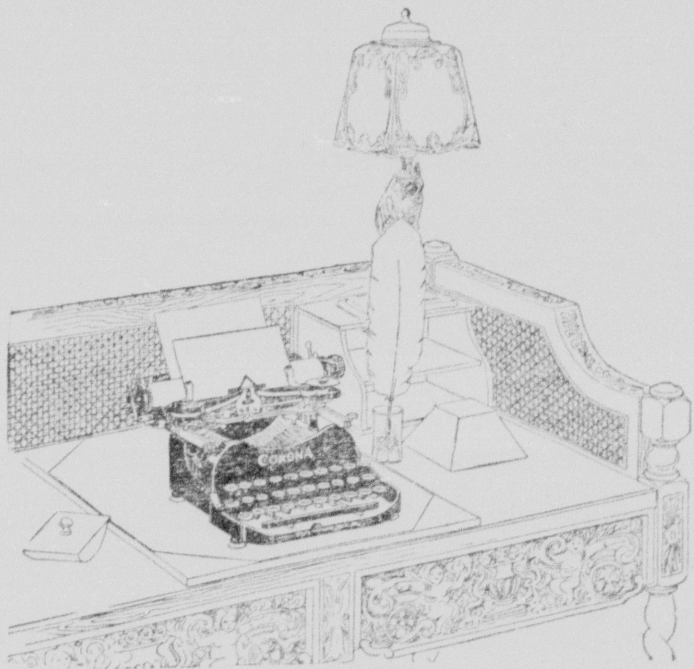
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London, Dec. 17.—The government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey of the king's bench division today to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, and therefore its proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the government.

Killed by Explosion.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Forty-three workmen and women were killed and more than 100 injured in an explosion at Mariensiel ammunition depot, near Wilhelmshafen, today. The explosion occurred while shells were being unloaded.

Claim Capture of Kiev.

London, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and the occupation of Khabarsk, southeast of Kharkov, are claimed in a Moscow Bolshevik wireless.

SAVE PRINT PAPER.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 17.—An appeal to the publishers of the country to exercise all possible economy in the use of news print paper was issued today by the house postoffice committee, which decided to defer for six months action in the Anthony bill proposing that daily newspapers containing more than 24 pages be denied second class mailing privileges. Voluntary co-operation of the publishers would obviate the necessity of repressive government action, said the committee's statement.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Thursday partly cloudy to cloudy. Weather somewhat warmer.

Local Weather Report.

The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Min. temp. 43 degs.
Max. temp. 51 degs.
General direction of wind: North-east.
Cloudy.

BAILEY MUST PAY UP ARIZONA LAND TAXES

CLAIM OF EXEMPTION DISALLOWED AND THE OWNERS MUST PAY \$95,000 TO THE STATE.

By Associated Press.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Joseph W. Bailey, former senator from Texas, and his son Weldon and several other Texans must pay back taxes to Arizona to the amount of \$95,000, the court decided in the Baca Float No. 5 case, involving a land grant of 100,000 acres. The defendants claimed they were exempt from taxes for 1913 and 1914 because the survey of the grant was not then on file.

RHODE ISLAND NOW JOINS IN ANTI FIGHT

WANTS TO BEGIN TEST SUIT ON THE VALIDITY OF THE NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rhode Island, through its attorney general, today asked the supreme court for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the national prohibition amendment and to enjoin federal officers from enforcing it in that state.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

McKenzie King, recently named as the successor of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the leadership of the Canadian Liberal party, is 45 years old today.

General Pershing is scheduled to pay a visit of inspection today to Camp Sherman, at Chillicothe, O. The annual convention of the Tri-State Packers' Association will meet at Philadelphia today for a two-day session.

Problems of vital importance to the creamery industry are to be discussed by the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' Association, meeting today at Portland.

A new passenger service between New York and Hamburg, to be conducted under the American flag, will be inaugurated today with the departure of the steamship Manchuria from New York.

The sentence of Mrs. Lovice Thompson, who was to have been hanged at Kingston, Ont., today for the murder of her husband, has been commuted to life imprisonment.

Sir William Hearst, who has recently retired from the premiership of Ontario, is to be given a testimonial banquet by his friends and political followers in Toronto tonight.

Governor Smith of New York has invited State officials, legislative leaders, financiers and representatives of commercial and other organizations to confer in Albany today on the future policy to be pursued by the State of New York with regard to the building and maintenance of highways.

Chamberlain's Tablets.

These tablets are intended especially for indigestion and constipation. They tone up the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They act gently on the liver and bowels, thereby restoring the stomach and bowels to a healthy condition. When you feel dull, stupid and constipated give them a trial. You are certain to be pleased with the effect.

Sure Relief

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INDIGESTION
25 CENTS
6 BELL-ANS
Hot water
Sure Relief
FOR INDIGESTION

From Thursday's Daily.

FOOLISH PREDICTIONS.

It seems strange that people in this day and age believe in the predictions of astrologers, soothsayers and fortune tellers, but that they do is proved by the widespread panic over the prediction that the world would come to an end yesterday when several planets were in conjunction.

Little by little we are outgrowing our belief in the beneficent or baleful influence of the planets upon ourselves or the globe on which we live. The ancients paid much attention to horoscopes, and the Chaldeans were the first people of whom we have any record who were learned in astrology, and who believed in what has come to be known as astrology.

Given a person's birth date, these ancients could figure out what his nature would be as he grew up and what trade or profession he should follow; what he should beware of, and what would be likely to exercise a beneficent influence upon him.

And it was not until recent years that it was discovered that the "science" was based upon false premises; that the planets exercise no influence whatever upon us, and that with the exception of the sun, which gives us light and heat, there is no other heavenly body that has the slightest effect upon us. Even the moon, that familiar planet which is said to favor sweethearts, no longer is believed to have any influence whatever upon mankind, or upon the crops we grow. No longer do we talk of a dry moon or a wet one, or plant root crops in the dark of the moon and crops which bear their fruits above the soil in the light quarters.

That is, "we," meaning the majority of the people of any education whatever, have cast aside the old superstitions and have come to regard them as unscientific and unworthy of credence.

But there are still many who hold to the old faith, and who shudder when some astrologer mysteriously speaks of the planets and their conjunction or opposition. They look upon comets as heavenly messengers sent to warn an unbelieving world of the wrath to come, and they see portents in every varying phase of the moon.

So when these "learned" men said such a conjunction of planets had never before been known since the world was evolved out of star dust and that this portended the most serious results for our terrestrial globe, the credulous believed them, just as the uneducated have always believed those with a smattering of learning.

"Open!" And some told the tale of prophecies verified, such as the ancient world war, the earthquake at Messina, the invention of airplanes and other things which it seems have been prophesied for centuries.

Should the end of the world come within the lifetime of these people, they will insist it was only a mistake in the date, but they will declare that it was anticipated and forecast by those who "read the stars."

Should they die—as in all probability they will—before the final day comes, they will persist with their dying breath in warning others that the day has been fixed and that we cannot get away from what the stars tell.

When the various comets of the past few years have been reported, each time there was a prediction that the earth was to come in contact with the dread visitor and be consumed by fire. Yet not one of these dire prophecies has come to pass.

Astronomers are still divided as to what effect the sun storms have upon our planet, but as it takes some years for a ray of light to pass from the sun to our planet, it is likely that by the time we see these storms they have been over and done with long ago. And yet nothing untoward has happened.

We may be pardoned for our incredulity when we say that we do not believe in any of these predictions. Those most versed in the study of astronomy have given out no warning that the end is coming, and until they do we cannot believe it is coming that way.

A QUEER SITUATION.

We are facing a queer situation in the matter of wheat and flour. We are forced to pay a high price for flour because the government guaranteed a certain price for the wheat, and it is only a short time since certain elements in congress wanted the guarantee made for another year.

Last year we had the biggest wheat crop in the history of the world, and had it not been for the government guarantee, the price would have broken to a reasonable point, and the people would have had cheaper flour.

Meanwhile, the grain corporation proceeded to buy up—with the people's money—enormous stocks of wheat and flour, which were held in reserve, and which helped to make our flour stable at the price fixed by the grain corporation and the food administration.

Now it turns out that the surplus on hand is so great that the recommendation is made to sell wheat and flour on credit to Finland, Poland, Austria and other hungry nations of Central Europe. And it is a practical certainty that the price of wheat and flour to those nations will be less than what we are charged at home.

This is altruism with a vengeance. We are put on an allowance for more than a year, and a short allowance at that; we are forced to use substitutes, and by no means agreeable substitutes; we are charged the highest price for flour that has ever been known in a civilized country outside of the war-ridden countries of Europe; our good money is taken to capitalize a corporation that is formed for the purpose of hoarding, something which we common people must not do under penalty of the law; and finally, while we are still paying an exorbitant price for flour and other wheat products, the surplus which our money bought and paid for is to be sold abroad at less than we can buy it for at home!

Economy is a good thing and should be practiced by nations as well as individuals. But stinting ourselves of food and paying high prices for what we are permitted to use, in order that the surplus may be sold to nations who would not lift a finger to prevent our starving, and even to nations with whom we were at war—and technically still are—would seem to be the most topsy-turvy of many strange acts.

At any rate, the people now know that there is no reason for \$2.25 wheat the coming year. They will expect a reasonable price for their staff of life, and if they don't get it there will be a howl that could be heard from Dan to Beersheba. Especially as our altruistic food administration and grain corporation are going to sell our surplus abroad at a reduced price—and for a debased currency, it is presumed, for the nations in question have no gold reserve and no products to trade for gold.

It is becoming painfully evident that government control, no matter how imperative in war time, is anything but satisfactory in peace time. And if anything else were needed to demonstrate the senselessness of continuing government control of the railroads for two years more it would be the knowledge that the people have been gouged in the matter of food.

Government control of sugar seems to be the only thing that has not been managed so as to force the people to pay more than a thing is worth, and, judging by the recent price fixed by the sugar equalization board as being permissible, that too is going the same road as the railroads and the food administration.

Behind all this we are searching for the nigger in the woodpile. There is someone who has profited by all serious results for our terrestrial globe, the credulous believed them, just as the uneducated have always believed those with a smattering of learning.

the miller points to his cost sheets and the prices allowed by the government for a justification of his dealings; the baker shows that he has made but a trifling profit with bread at 19c a loaf. And yet wheat can now be sold at a lower price than was paid for it!

FATHER HECKER CENTENARY.

New York, Dec. 18.—The centenary of the birth of Father Isaac T. Hecker, who was among the distinguished priests of the last century, will be widely observed today in Catholic church circles. Father Hecker is best remembered as the founder and first superior of the Congregation of the Missionary Priests of St. Paul the Apostle, more familiarly known as the Paulist Fathers. He was a native of New York and of Protestant birth. He early took an interest in social reform movements and for a time was a member of the celebrated Brook Farm Community. He was received into the Catholic church in 1844 and for eleven years after his ordination he was connected with the Redemptorist order. Father Hecker was the founder of the Catholic Publication Society and was the author of several important religious works. His death occurred in this city in 1889.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, noted clergyman, author, and editor, born at Roxbury, Mass., 84 years ago today.
Francis Burton Harrison, Governor-General of the Philippines, born in New York, 46 years ago today.
Rt. Rev. John Grimes, Catholic bishop of Syracuse, born in County Limerick, Ireland, 67 years ago today.
Brig. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz, American representative on the International Military Commission to Hungary, born at Constantine, Mich., 55 years ago today.
Tyrus R. Cobb, outfielder of the Detroit American league baseball team, born at Royston, Ga., 33 years ago today.

WANTED—A TOWN CRIER.

Any one with good lungs and a little ambition can find a job that offers a leisurely outdoor life at Trowbridge, England. The urban authorities are advertising for a town crier. The salary is \$5 a year and the official is to be provided with a picturesque livery. He will receive a fee of two shillings every time his services are required.

THE PROLONGED WET SPELL IS FAVORABLE TO FARMERS

ONLY TWO DAYS OF REAL COLD WEATHER PREVAILED HERE.

Besides the Farmers, the Stockmen Are Happy Over Conditions That Made Ranges What They Are.

The present spell of disagreeable weather appears to be hanging on with a tenacity that forebodes its breaking up with one of those blizzards that generally show about this time of year following a long damp spell. While the weather conditions have been damp and slightly chilly the past three or four days following the cold spell of last Saturday and Sunday, it has not been what can be termed a prolonged cold spell, for the dampness is mostly to blame for the disagreeable condition of the atmosphere the past few days.

Light rains have been recorded since Tuesday, but they have been more of a misting rain than a regular rain, for very little precipitation has been registered and at no time has a good rain fallen in the past three days in Laredo and the surrounding country. The present spell of damp weather is favorable for growing vegetation and crops are in fine condition for the winter.

While the farmers have benefited from the heavy rains that have visited the Laredo section the past year (50 inches or more) the stockmen are also in their glory, for all the ranges are carpeted with nutritious grasses and cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, goats and other live stock are in more wholesome condition just now than at any previous year for twenty years or more, and as live stock are quoted on the market at this time at the highest prices in history the stockman has good reasons to wear broad smiles and feel happy and contented.

Death of Ruben Villareal.

Ruben Villareal, aged 53 years, and a resident of Lampazos, Mexico, died at Mercy hospital this forenoon at 11:30 o'clock, having recently undergone an operation. Deceased was well and favorably known in Laredo, where he frequently visited as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Matias de Llano, and also made his home in Laredo for a while. Besides his daughter, Mrs. de Llano, deceased is survived by his wife and also several children, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place from the residence of Matias de Llano, 1012 Salinas Avenue, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, going to cemetery.

Splendid Cough Medicine.

"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

Attractions at the Movies.

"Vagabond Luck" at Royal.
Those who love a good laugh for their health's sake will welcome another of those airy, snappy comedy dramas presenting the sprightly young comedian, Albert Ray, with his pretty co-star, Elinor Fair, for the Royal Theatre, tonight. This photograph is "Vagabond Luck"—Vagabond being an old racer whose marvellous streak of luck—which comes about in a most unusual and laughable manner—works as the final bond between two young hearts. If the story pictures as well as it promises, it will be a delightful bit of entertainment. It is a William Fox production.

"The Heart of Humanity" at Strand.
"The Heart of Humanity," to be seen Christmas at the Strand Theatre, limns on the gray background of the last days of the conflict, a tender and appealing romance of loyal love and unswerving devotion. The whole production, from beginning to end, is fraught with the spirit of those great days when an anxious world hung breathlessly upon word from the seething battle front in Flanders. It reflects the hush that fell upon civilization when the forces of humanity came to final grip with the ruthless night of autocracy, and it echoes the great cry of joy that sounded round the world when the Hun line crumbled before the Allied attack and fled backward toward the sheltering frontiers of Germany to sue for peace.

Weather Forecast.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Tonight and Friday unsettled; local rains.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 52 degs.
Min. temp. 47 degs.
General direction of wind: North-east.
Cloudy.

INTEREST STILL UNABATED IN THE DUVAL COUNTY FIELD

STILL WAITING TO LEARN WHAT THE EMPIRE CO. HAS HID.

Indications Are a Big Gusher Is Held in Leash; Interest in Other Fields is Fast Increasing Now.

While very little information is given out concerning the prospective big gusher of the Empire Oil Co. near Benavides, it is learned that the well down in Duval county has been cemented and cased and will be "turned loose" at the opportune moment, when it is expected to be a producer of 1,000 barrels per day or better of a high quality of petroleum.

The drillers and others at the well are giving out no information whatever, it is reported, but the fact that the well has been cased and preparation for heavy production is being made by building tanks, etc., would indicate that the early part of 1920 will find Duval county in a proven oil field—a field that will do better than having pump wells—and that within a short time thereafter a rush for the new field will ensue. Many land-owners in Duval county are leasing their land for oil and gas rights at a handsome figure just now, and this also indicates the prospect of "big doings" soon in the Duval county oil field.

The report from the Empire well there has stimulated interest in the impending oil development work that is to be done in Webb, Jim Hogg and Zapata counties, and preparations are now under way to rush drilling operations in all three fields as soon as the necessary material can be put on the ground, and in Zapata county, already a proven oil field, work on the deep test well of the Webb-Zapata Oil Co. will be pushed forward as fast as possible.

SEVERAL CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Among Cases Tried Was That Against Four Delinquent Youngsters, Who Go to State Training School.

In the district court yesterday evening shortly before 6 o'clock the jury in the case of Emilio Rodriguez, the chauffeur charged with violation of the automobile laws, whose case was called in the morning, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the chauffeur's punishment at four months in the county jail. This made two chauffeurs drawing jail terms yesterday, the other pleading guilty and being given fifteen days in the county jail.

The case of Juana Hernandez, charged with theft under \$50, was taken up for trial this morning. The defendant was found guilty by the jury and her punishment assessed at four months confinement in the county jail.

In the case of the State vs. Santiago Cantu, charged with theft under \$50, the jury gave the defendant 30 days in the county jail.

The cases against Jose Perez, Jesus Cuesta Ortiz, Felipe Cisneros and Jose Maria Tellez, all boys under 17 years of age and charged with being delinquents who have committed numerous felonies, including the burglarizing of several homes, were tried this morning and the defendants were given four years each in the State Training School for Boys.

SHOPPING IN FULL BLAST AND STORES ARE CROWDED

Next Few Days Will Be Lively Ones For Business Establishments of Laredo Carrying Christmas Goods.

Notwithstanding the condition of the streets at this time and the fact that a misting rain has been falling almost steadily during the past three days, Christmas shoppers throng the various establishments of Laredo having suitable articles for Christmas gifts on sale.

Many of the places of business are liberally patronized throughout the day, the shoppers beginning to arrive early in the morning soon after the stores open and the influx continuing until nightfall. Saturday night, which will be the last Saturday before Christmas, promises to see the stores of the city veritably thronged with people, as many salaried men will make their purchases for their kindred and loved ones generally on that day.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY

County Schools Take Two Weeks Vacation, While City Schools Will Only Take Ten-Day Vacation.

The various schools in the rural districts of Webb county will close for the holidays tomorrow and remain closed until Monday morning, January 5, giving teachers and pupils two weeks in which to enjoy their vacations.

The city schools of the Laredo Independent School District will not take their holiday recess until noon of December 24, and will then remain in recess until the morning of January 5, 1920, giving the teachers and pupils ten days time in which to enjoy their holiday vacation. The convent schools of the city will also close next week for the holidays.

PRINCE RUPERT TERCEN-TENARY.

London, Dec. 18.—The three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Prince Rupert of Bavaria will be observed today by historical and other societies both in England and on the Continent, and very likely in Frederick, elector palatine, who became king of Bavaria, but the emperor of Germany removed him from his throne and confiscated his estates. Rupert's mother was Elizabeth, daughter of James I. and the sister of Charles I, so that Rupert was a nephew of Charles.

The prince was 23 when the war began, and took command of a regiment of horse. He began immediately his career of unexampled activity and daring. He took town after town, slashing his way through every obstacle with an impetuosity that was irresistible. His numerous forays inflicted great damage on the parliamentary forces, whose leaders protested against his ruthless vigor.

Tall, handsome and strong, Rupert was an ideal cavalry leader, but he had no special military genius or judgment, and what advantage he gained by the swiftness and ferocity of his attacks, his want of prudence made him unable to retain and utilize.

The first big battle was that of Edgehill, and at the head of the cavalry Rupert dashed down upon the enemy with his ringing battle cry of "For God and the King," swept everything before him. But as the parliamentary soldiers fled he rashly seized all the cavalry of the king, and, leaving the monarch in danger of capture or death, sped on after the foe.

By the time he could return the king's army had been in peril of annihilation. As it was, it was a drawn battle, but the road was open to London. Yet the king hesitated to permit Rupert to move on the city.

The kind of man that was certain to defeat Rupert when they met was Oliver Cromwell, who was as fierce a fighter in offence as Rupert and a much better one in defence, and who could take advantage of the prince's rashness. This was what happened at Marston Moor.

After scattering the rebel forces that held Newark and performing many other exploits, relieving towns besieged and capturing other towns, Moor, where it had been as personally successful as on every other field, the royal forces would have been triumphant, and Charles would soon have resumed the undisturbed possession of his throne.

But Cromwell's Ironsides were more than a match for the hitherto matchless cavaliers of Rupert.

Once more at Naseby the fiery prince was unable to repress his impetuosity after he had driven Ireton's troopers before him, but continued to pursue, while Charles was left without support, and Cromwell practically destroyed his army.

After this Rupert held Bristol, but, being besieged, surrendered on the first attack, and for this the king dismissed him.

Rupert afterward served in the English navy, and was a sailor and soldier of fortune. On the restoration he was a figure of consequence in England. His old age he devoted to scientific researches, improving the art of mezzotint engraving, inventing improvements in firearms and explosives, and producing the curious glass bubbles known as "Rupert's Drops," which if touched at their pointed end fly into a thousand splinters, but resist a hammer's blow in any other part.

NOT A ROMANCE.

The girl kept getting nearer. He smiled, but without response. Still, she kept getting nearer. It was on a street car and she had to move along as the seat filled up.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"SLOAN'S LINIMENT NEVER FAILS ME!"

Any man or woman who keeps it handy will tell you that same thing

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Sloan's Liniment is sold by all druggists, 35c., 70c., \$1.40.

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TIMES WANT ADS.
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Attractions at the Movies.

"Checkers" at the Royal.
Thomas J. Carrigan, one of the best known actors on the screen or stage, celebrated his war release from the navy by re-entering the motion picture field. His first play is "Checkers," a big William Fox special-off British Columbia, where the memory of the "Mad Cavalier" is perpetuated by the flourishing city Theatre on Dec. 24 for a run of two days.

"Checkers" is taken from the racing melodrama of that name and was directed by Richard Stanton. Mr. Carrigan has had a notable career. A year ago he played in the leading role in "Mother Carey's Chickens" at the Cort Theatre in New York, and also played opposite Lionel Barrymore in "The Copperhead."

For years Mr. Carrigan has had an enviable position among screen actors. For a while he left motion pictures and returned to the stage. He played with Edith Wynne Matheson in "The Deadlock" and was under the direction of David Belasco in "The Girl of the Golden West." He also played the lead in "Going Some," and was with Lew Fields in "The High Cost of Loving."

"The Heart of Humanity" at Strand.

Few among the millions of Dorothy Phillips' devotees few know that the cinema player is the mother of a four-year-old girl and one of the most domestic of wives. It is from her own experience, therefore, that Miss Phillips' enactment of the role of Nanette in "The Heart of Humanity" her newest picture and her greatest, is drawn. In "The Heart of Humanity," which Allen Holubar has produced as a multiple-reel document of humanity based on heart incident in the great overseas conflict.

As Nanette, Miss Phillips is the mother-heart emblematic. Too, she is the inspirational force, the representation of the woman spirit of the world that has won the war for civilization and has saved thousands on thousands of lives that for lack of the succor of the Red Cross, might have passed away on the battlefield. "The Heart of Humanity" will be shown at the Strand Theatre on Christmas Day.

NOTHING FITTED.

A gentleman went into a hat shop to have his silk hat ironed. While he stood there alone and bareheaded, another man rushed in with his hat in his hand, and, supposing the first customer to be an attendant, angrily confronted him.

"See here," he said, "this hat doesn't fit!"

"The bareheaded one eyed the stranger critically from head to foot,

"Well, neither does your coat. What's more, if you'll pardon my saying so, I can't say I quite like the color of your trousers."—Edinburg Scotsman.

Net Quail in Thousands.

In the Mediterranean no bird is better known than the quail from the Spanish littoral to the Arabian hill-sides. Twice a year it passes over the great inland sea, northward in spring and southward in September and October. Its coming is quite a festival, and many an outstanding bill and many a peasant's overdue rent is paid at its expense.

When it goes northward in May to its nesting place in middle Europe the sandy Italian sea beaches are lined in the line of its flight with fine netting loosely held up by stakes, and the unhappy little quails, flying low over the sea, plunge into these and are securely held by the falling meshes. No fewer than 17,000 have been received in Rome in one day, and in the small island of Dapri, near Naples, 160,000 are sometimes taken in a season.—Detroit News.

Two Things to Explain.

The trophy for absent-mindedness goes to Harold. He took his fiancée to the picture show house the other night and left her standing in the lobby while he went to the ticket window.

"One ticket, please," he said. A little later, when the girl trailed him through the entrance, the doorman asked him how he had expected to do it.

"But I had a harder time explaining to the girl that she really was an important item in the evening's program."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

As late as 1878 Portugal had a law forbidding widows above the age of 50 to marry.

The poorest Arab women paints her eyes with kohl, to make them appear larger and more brilliant.

A Kansas telephone company official complains that women seem unable to learn how to use the telephone properly.

A young woman who opened a tea-room in New York city after leaving college is said to be making \$30,000 a year out of her venture.

The Toronto (Ont.) Presbytery has decided to allow women to occupy the pulpits and take full charge of the services on one Sunday of the year.

This first woman to obtain the degree of a Doctor of Law in France was Mile. Sarmisa Dilcesco, a Roumanian by birth, who attained the distinction in 1890.

LOCAL NEWS

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of copper, one carload of ixite, two carloads of lead and one carload of silver.

—Christmas shopping is the order of the day in Laredo just now and in order to accommodate those who can not attending to this work during the daytime many of the business establishments of Laredo are preparing to keep "open house" until about 10 p.m. beginning Monday and up to and including Christmas eve.

—The postoffice and express company are fully aware of the near approach of Christmas by the volume of packages coming into Laredo for delivery to those to whom addressed. Quite a large number of packages are likewise rolling out of here on every train by mail and express.

—District court will continue in session up to Christmas eve, and then resume its work the day following Christmas. The criminal docket for the term is now on trial and will continue until all the cases set for trial are finally disposed of.

QUICK RESPONSE FIREMEN SAVED SANITARY GROCERY

Fire at 1 O'Clock This Morning Was Under Good Headway When Fire Department Reached the Scene.

An alarm of fire was sounded at 1 o'clock this morning for the second ward, the fire being in the Sanitary Grocery in the Alexander building on Lincoln street. The fire apparatus rushed to the scene and saved the building and its contents, as a fairly good blaze was under way.

The fire originated in the office near the telephone and a partition between the store and office was badly charred and some other minor damage done, but the greatest damage was necessarily done by water. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

- DECEMBER 18.
- 1819—Isaac Thomas Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, born in New York City. Died there, Dec. 22, 1888.
 - 1869—Louis Moreau Gottschalk, a brilliant pianist and composer, died at the de Sanchez, Havana at New Orleans, May 8, 1892.
 - 1870—Assembly of German princes presented the king of Prussia with an address requesting him to become emperor.
 - 1877—The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Springfield, Ill., was organized.
 - 1894—M. Brisson was elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies.
 - 1914—British protectorate claimed throughout Egypt.
 - 1915—Great Britain sent single men of the new volunteers, from 19 to 22 years old, to the colors.
 - 1916—French recovered Chambray near Verdun and repelled attacks near Peronne.
 - 1917—Ten persons killed in a German air raid on London.

HOUSE BOATS VS. PROFITEERS.

A London newspaper suggests that house boats are a possible means of reducing the housing problems. A house boat moored up the Thames in summer would serve as a country house, and towed down and moored between Waterloo and Charing Cross bridges, it would prove a convenient winter home. The anchorage fee is only seven shillings and sixpence, the paper adds. The price of construction, heating and repairs is not mentioned!

IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

DECEMBER 18.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, who enters upon his eighty-fifth year today, has been named as a clergyman, author, and editor for upwards of half a century, and is still numbered among the active workers. Dr. Abbott is a native of Massachusetts and comes of a New England family which has contributed to American literature through several generations. After completing his studies at New York University, in 1853, he took up law, but soon abandoned that profession to enter the Congregational ministry. His first pastorate was in Terre Haute, Ind., where he remained from 1860 to 1865. In the latter year he went to New York and in 1869 he succeeded Henry Beecher as pastor of Plymouth Church in Brooklyn. The decade that he occupied the Plymouth Church pulpit Dr. Abbott became widely famed as a preacher. In later years he has added to his reputation by his work as an author and as editor-in-chief of one of the prominent magazines.

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From Thursday's Daily.

FOOLISH PREDICTIONS.

It seems strange that people in this day and age believe in the predictions of astrologers, soothsayers and fortune tellers, but that they do is proved by the widespread panic over the prediction that the world would come to an end yesterday when several planets were in conjunction.

Little by little we are outgrowing our belief in the beneficent or baleful influence of the planets upon ourselves or the globe on which we live. The ancients paid much attention to horoscopes, and the Chaldeans were the first people of whom we have any record who were learned in astrology, and who believed in what has come to be known as astrology.

Given a person's birth date, these ancients could figure out what his nature would be as he grew up and what trade or profession he should follow; what he should beware of, and what would be likely to exercise a beneficial influence upon him.

And it was not until recent years that it was discovered that the "science" was based upon false premises; that the planets exercise no influence whatever upon us, and that with the exception of the sun, which gives us light and heat, there is no other heavenly body that has the slightest effect upon us. Even the moon, that familiar planet which is said to favor sweethearts, no longer is believed to have any influence whatever upon mankind, or upon the crops we grow. No longer do we talk of a dry moon or a wet one, or plant root crops in the dark of the moon and crops which bear their fruits above the soil in the light quarters.

That is, "we," meaning the majority of the people of any education whatever, have cast aside the old superstitions and have come to regard them as unscientific and unworthy of credence.

But there are still many who hold to the old faith, and who shudder when some astrologer mysteriously speaks of the planets and their conjunction or opposition. They look upon comets as heavenly messengers sent to warn an unbelieving world of the wrath to come, and they see portents in every varying phase of the moon.

So when these "learned" men said such a conjunction of planets had never before been known since the world was evolved out of star dust and that this portended the most serious results for our terrestrial globe, the credulous believed them. Just as the uneducated have always believed those with a smattering of learning.

When others laughed at the prediction, these wiseacres said: "People sneered at Noah and look what happened!" And some told the tale of prophecies verified such as the recent world war, the earthquake at Messina, the invention of airplanes and other things which it seems have been prophesied for centuries.

Should the end of the world come within the lifetime of these people, they will insist it was only a mistake in the date, but they will declare that it was anticipated and forecast by those who "read the stars."

Should they die—as in all probability they will—before the final day comes, they will persist with their dying breath in warning others that the day has been fixed and that we cannot get away from what the stars tell.

When the various comets of the past few years have been reported, each time there was a prediction that the earth was to come in contact with the dread visitor and be consumed by fire. Yet not one of these dire prophecies has come to pass.

Astronomers are still divided as to what effect the sun storms have upon our planet, but as it takes some years for a ray of light to pass from the sun to our planet, it is likely that by the time we see these storms they have been over and done with long ago. And yet nothing untoward has happened.

We may be pardoned for our incredulity when we say that we do not believe in any of these predictions. Those most versed in the study of astronomy have given out no warning that the end is coming, and until they do we cannot believe it is coming that way.

A QUEER SITUATION.

We are facing a queer situation in the matter of wheat and flour. We are forced to pay a high price for flour because the government guaranteed a certain price for the wheat, and it is only a short time since certain elements in congress wanted the guarantee made for another year.

Last year we had the biggest wheat crop in the history of the world, and had it not been for the government guarantee, the price would have broken to a reasonable point, and the people would have had cheaper flour.

Meanwhile, the grain corporation proceeded to buy up—with the people's money—enormous stocks of wheat and flour, which were held in reserve, and which helped to make our flour stable at the price fixed by the grain corporation and the food administration.

Now it turns out that the surplus on hand is so great that the recommendation is made to sell wheat and flour on credit to Finland, Poland, Austria and other hungry nations of Central Europe. And it is a practical certainty that the price of wheat and flour to those nations will be less than what we are charged at home.

This is altruism with a vengeance. We are put on an allowance for more than a year, and a short allowance at that; we are forced to use substitutes, and by no means agreeable substitutes; we are charged the highest price for flour that has ever been known in a civilized country outside of the war-ridden countries of Europe; our good money is taken to capitalize a corporation that is formed for the purpose of hoarding, something which we common people must not do under penalty of the law; and finally, while we are still paying an exorbitant price for flour and other wheat products, the surplus which our money bought and paid for is to be sold abroad at less than we can buy it for at home!

Economy is a good thing and should be practiced by nations as well as individuals. But stinting ourselves of food and paying high prices for what we are permitted to use, in order that the surplus may be sold to nations who would not lift a finger to prevent our starving, and even to nations with whom we were at war—and technically still are—would seem to be the most topsy-turvy of many strange acts.

At any rate, the people now know that there is no reason for \$2.25 wheat the coming year. They will expect a reasonable price for their staff of life, and if they don't get it, there will be a howl that could be heard from Dan to Beersheba. Especially as our altruistic food administration and grain corporation are going to sell our surplus abroad at a reduced price—and for a debased currency, it is presumed, for the nations in question have no gold reserve and no products to trade for gold.

It is becoming painfully evident that government control, no matter how imperative in war time, is anything but satisfactory in peace time. And if anything else were needed to demonstrate the senselessness of continuing government control of the railroads for two years more it would be the knowledge that the people have been gouged in the matter of food.

Government control of sugar seems to be the only thing that has not been managed so as to force the people to pay more than a thing is worth, and, judging by the recent price fixed by the sugar equalization board as being permissible, that too is going the same road as the railroads and the food administration.

Behind all this we are searching for the nigger in the woodpile. There is someone who has profited by all this, whether the government knew it or not. For with such prices continuing up to the present time, a year after the necessity for saving wheat has passed, it stands to reason that someone is getting an abnormal profit. The farmer says he just about came out even on growing the wheat, the miller points to his cost sheets and the prices allowed by the government for a justification of his dealings; the baker shows that he has made but a trifling profit with his bread at the loaf. And yet wheat can now be sold at a lower price than was paid for it!

FATHER HECKER CENTENARY.

New York, Dec. 18.—The centenary of the birth of Father Isaac T. Hecker, who was among the distinguished priests of the last century, will be widely observed today in Catholic church circles. Father Hecker is best remembered as the founder and first superior of the Congregation of the Missionary Priests of St. Paul the Apostle, more familiarly known as the Paulist Fathers. He was a native of New York and of Protestant birth. He early took an interest in social reform movements, and for a time was a member of the celebrated Brook Farm Community. He was received into the Catholic church in 1844 and for eleven years after his ordination he was connected with the Redemptorist order. Father Hecker was the founder of the Catholic Publication Society and was the author of several important religious works. His death occurred in this city in 1889.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 18.

Dr. Lyman Abbott, noted clergyman, author, and editor, born at Roxbury, Mass., 84 years ago today.

Francis Burton Harrison, Governor-General of the Philippines, born in New York, 46 years ago today.

Rt. Rev. John Grimes, Catholic bishop of Syracuse, born in County Limerick, Ireland, 67 years ago today.

Brig. Gen. Harry H. Bandholtz, American representative on the International Military Commission to Hungary, born at Constantine, Mich., 55 years ago today.

WANTED—A TOWN CRIER.

Any one with good lungs and a little ambition can find a job that offers a leisurely outdoor life at Trowbridge, England. The urban authorities are advertising for a town crier. The salary is \$5 a year and the official is to be provided with a picturesque livery. He will receive a fee of two shillings every time his services are required.

THE PROLONGED WET SPELL IS FAVORABLE TO FARMERS

ONLY TWO DAYS OF REAL COLD WEATHER PREVAILED HERE.

Besides the Farmers, the Stockmen Are Happy Over Conditions That Made Ranges What They Are.

The present spell of disagreeable weather appears to be hanging on with a tenacity that forebodes its breaking up with one of those blizzards that generally show about this time of year following a long damp spell. While the weather conditions have been damp and slightly chilly the past three or four days following the cold spell of last Saturday and Sunday, it has not been what can be termed a prolonged cold spell, for the dampness is mostly to blame for the disagreeable condition of the atmosphere the past few days.

Light rains have been recorded since Tuesday, but they have been more of a misting rain than a regular rain, for very little precipitation has been registered and at no time has a good rain fallen in the past three days in Laredo and the surrounding country. The present spell of damp weather is favorable for growing vegetation and crops are in fine condition for the winter.

While the farmers have benefited from the heavy rains that have visited the Laredo section the past year (50 inches or more) the stockmen are also in their glory, for all the ranges are carpeted with nutritious grasses and cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, goats and other live stock are in more wholesome condition just now than at any previous year for twenty years or more, and as live stock are quoted on the market at this time at the highest prices in history the stockman has good reasons to wear broad smiles and feel happy and contented.

Death of Ruben Villareal.
Ruben Villareal, aged 53 years and a resident of Lampazos, Mexico, died at Mercy hospital this forenoon at 11:30 o'clock, having recently undergone an operation. Deceased was well and favorably known in Laredo, where he frequently visited as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Matias de Llano, and also made his home in Laredo for a while. Besides his daughter, Mrs. de Llano, deceased is survived by his wife and also several children, all of whom have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral will take place from the residence of Matias de Llano, 1612 Salinas Avenue, tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, going from the home to San Augustin church, and thence to the Catholic cemetery.

Splendid Cough Medicine.
"As I feel that every family should know what a splendid medicine Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is, I am only too pleased to relate my experience and only wish that I had known of its merits years ago," writes Mrs. Clay Fry, Ferguson Station, Mo. "I give it to my children when they show the slightest symptoms of being croupy, and when I have a cough or cold on the lungs a very few doses will relieve me, and by taking it for a few days I soon get rid of the cold."

ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES.

"Vagabond Luck" at Royal.
Those who love a good laugh for their health's sake will welcome another of those airy, snappy comedy dramas presenting the sprightly young comedian, Albert Ray, with his pretty costar, Elinor Fair, for the Royal Theatre, tonight. This photoplay is "Vagabond Luck"—Vagabond being an old rascal whose marvellous streak of luck—which comes about in a most unusual and laughable manner—works as the final bond between two young hearts. If the story pictures as well as it promises, it will be a delightful bit of entertainment. It is a William Fox production.

"The Heart of Humanity" at Strand.
"The Heart of Humanity," to be seen Christmas at the Strand Theatre, limns on the gray background of the last days of the conflict, a tender and appealing romance of loyal love and unswerving devotion. The whole production, from beginning to end, is fraught with the spirit of those great days when an anxious world hung breathlessly upon word from the seething battle front in Flanders. It reflects the hush that fell upon civilization when the forces of humanity came to final grip with the ruthless night of autocracy, and it echoes the great cry of joy that sounded round the world when the Hun line crumbled before the Allied attack and fled backward toward the sheltering frontiers of Germany to sue for peace.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day.

Tonight and Friday unsettled; local rains.
Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 52 degs.
Min. temp. 47 degs.
General direction of wind: North-east.
Cloudy.

INTEREST STILL UNABATED IN THE DUVAL COUNTY FIELD

STILL WAITING TO LEARN WHAT THE EMPIRE CO. HAS HID.

Indications Are a Big Gusher is Held in Lease; Interest in Other Fields is Fast Increasing Now.

While very little information is given out concerning the prospective big gusher of the Empire Oil Co. near Benavides, it is learned that the well down in Duval county has been cemented and cased and will be "turned loose" at the opportune moment, when it is expected to be a producer of 1,000 barrels per day or better of a high quality of petroleum.

The drillers and others at the well are giving out no information whatever, it is reported, but the fact that the well has been cased and preparation for heavy production is being made by building tanks, etc., would indicate that the early part of 1920 will find Duval county in a proven oil field—a field that will do better than having pump wells—and that within a short time thereafter a rush for the new field will ensue. Many land-owners in Duval county are leasing their land for oil and gas rights at a handsome figure just now, and this also indicates the prospect of "big doings" soon in the Duval county oil field.

The report from the Empire well there has stimulated interest in the impending oil development work that is to be done in Webb, Jim Hogg and Zapata counties, and preparations are now under way to rush drilling operations in all three fields as soon as the necessary material can be put on the ground, and in Zapata county, already a proven oil field, work on the deep test well of the Webb-Zapata Oil Co. will be pushed forward as fast as possible.

SEVERAL CASES DISPOSED OF IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Among Cases Tried Was That Against Four Delinquent Youngsters, Who Go to State Training School.

In the district court yesterday evening shortly before 6 o'clock the jury in the case of Emilio Rodriguez, the chauffeur charged with violation of the automobile laws, whose case was called in the morning, returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the chauffeur's punishment at four months in the county jail. This made two chauffeurs drawing jail terms yesterday, the other pleading guilty and being given fifteen days in the county for violation of the automobile laws.

The case of Juana Hernandez, charged with theft under \$50, was taken up for trial this morning. The defendant was found guilty by the jury and her punishment assessed at four months confinement in the county jail.

In the case of the State vs. Santiago Canto, charged with theft under \$50, the jury gave the defendant 30 days in the county jail.

The cases against Jose Perez, Jesus Cuesta Ortiz, Felipe Cisneros and Jose Maria Tellez, all boys under 17 years of age and charged with being delinquents who have committed numerous felonies, including the burglarizing of several homes, were tried this morning and the defendants were given four years each in the State Training School for Boys.

SHOPPING IN FULL BLAST AND STORES ARE CROWDED

Next Few Days Will Be Lively Ones For Business Establishments of Laredo Carrying Christmas Goods.

Notwithstanding the condition of the streets at this time and the fact that a misting rain has been falling almost steadily during the past three days, Christmas shoppers through the various establishments of Laredo having suitable articles for Christmas gifts on sale.

Many of the places of business are liberally patronized throughout the day, the shoppers beginning to arrive early in the morning soon after the stores open and the influx continuing until midnight. Saturday night, which will be the last Saturday before Christmas promises to see the stores of the city veritably thronged with people, as many salaried men will make their purchases for their kids and loved ones generally on that day.

COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY

County Schools Take Two Weeks Vacation, While City Schools Will Only Take Ten-Day Vacation.

The various schools in the rural districts of Webb county will close for the holidays tomorrow and remain closed until Monday morning, January 5, giving teachers and pupils two weeks in which to enjoy their vacations.

The city schools of the Laredo Independent School District will not take their holiday recess until noon of December 24 and will then remain in recess until the morning of January 5, 1920, giving the teachers and pupils ten days time in which to enjoy their holiday vacation. The convent schools of the city will also close next week for the holidays.

PRINCE RUPERT TERCEN-TENARY.

London, Dec. 18.—The three hundredth anniversary of the birth of Prince Rupert of Bavaria will be observed today by historical and other societies both in England and on the Continent, and very likely in far-off British Columbia, where the memory of the "Mad Cavalier" is perpetuated by the flourishing city that bears his name.

Of all the figures, Roundheads of the Cavaliers, in the civil war in England, by which Charles I lost his life, the most picturesque was Prince Rupert of the Rhine. His father was Frederick, elector palatine, who became king of Bavaria, but the emperor of Germany removed him from his throne and confiscated his estates. Rupert's mother was Elizabeth, daughter of James I and the sister of Charles I, so that Rupert was a nephew of Charles.

The prince was 23 when the war began, and took command of a regiment of horse. He began immediately his career of unexampled activity and daring. He took town after town, slashing his way through every obstacle with an impetuosity that was irresistible. His numerous forays inflicted great damage on the parliamentary forces, whose leaders protested against his ruthless vigor.

Tall, handsome and strong, Rupert was an ideal cavalry leader, but he had no special military genius or judgment, and what advantage he gained by the swiftness and ferocity of his attacks, his want of prudence made him unable to retain and utilize.

The first big battle was that of Edgehill, and at the head of the cavalry Rupert dashing down upon the enemy with his ringing battle cry of "For God and the King," swept everything before him. But as the parliamentary soldiers fled he rashly seized all the cavalry of the king, and, leaving the monarch in danger of capture or death, sped on after the foe.

By the time he could return the king's army had been in peril of annihilation. As it was, it was a drawn battle, but the road was open to London. Yet the king hesitated to permit Rupert to move on the city.

The kind of man that was certain to defeat Rupert when they met was Oliver Cromwell, who was as fierce a fighter in offence as Rupert and a much better one in defence, and who could take advantage of the prince's rashness. This was what happened at Marston Moor.

After scattering the rebel forces that held Newark and performing many other exploits, relieving towns besieged and capturing other towns, Rupert faced Cromwell on Marston Moor, where, if he had been as personally successful as on every other field, the royal forces would have been triumphant, and Charles would soon have resumed the undisturbed possession of his throne.

But Cromwell's Ironsides were more than a match for the hitherto matchless cavaliers of Rupert.

Once more at Naseby the fiery prince was unable to repress his impetuosity after he had driven Ireton's troopers before him, but continued to pursue, while Charles was left without support, and Cromwell practically destroyed his army.

After this Rupert held Bristol, but, being besieged, surrendered on the first attack, and for this the king dismissed him.

Rupert afterward served in the English navy, and was a sailor and soldier of fortune. On the restoration he was a figure of consequence in England. His old age he devoted to scientific researches, improving the art of mezzotint engraving, inventing improvements in firearms and explosives, and producing the curious glass bubbles known as "Rupert's Drops," which if touched at their pointed end fly into a thousand splinters, but resist a hammer's blow in any other part.

NOT A ROMANCE.

The girl kept getting nearer. He smiled, but without response. Still, she kept getting nearer. It was on a street car and she had to move along as the seat filled up. Louisville Courier-Journal.

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ATTRACTIONS AT THE MOVIES.

"Checkers" at the Royal.

Thomas J. Carrigan, one of the best known actors on the screen or stage, celebrated his war release from the navy by re-entering the motion picture field. His first play is on the Continent, and very likely in far-off British Columbia, where the memory of the "Mad Cavalier" is perpetuated by the flourishing city Theatre on Dec. 24 for a run of two days.

"Checkers" is taken from the racing melodrama of that name and was directed by Richard Stanton. Mr. Carrigan has had a notable career. A year ago he played in the leading role in "Mother Carey's Chickens" at the Cort Theatre in New York, and also played opposite Lionel Barrymore in "The Copperhead."

For years Mr. Carrigan has had an enviable position among screen actors. For a while he left motion pictures and returned to the stage. He played with Edith Wynne Mathison in "The Deadlock" and was under the direction of David Belasco in "The Girl of the Golden West." He also played the lead in "Going Some," and was with Lew Fields in "The High Cost of Loving."

"The Heart of Humanity" at Strand.

Few among the millions of Dorothy Phillips' devotees few know that the cinema player is the mother of a four-year-old girl and one of the most domestic of wives. It is from her own experience, therefore, that Miss Phillips' enactment of the role of Nanette in "The Heart of Humanity," her newest picture and her greatest, is drawn. In "The Heart of Humanity," which Allen Holubar has produced as a multiple-reel document of humanity based on heart incident in the great overseas conflict.

As Nanette, Miss Phillips is the mother-heart emblematic. Too, she is the inspirational force, the representation of the woman spirit of the world that has won the war for civilization and has saved thousands on thousands of lives that for lack of the succor of the Red Cross, might have passed away on the battlefield. "The Heart of Humanity" will be shown at the Strand Theatre on Christmas Day.

NOTHING FITTED.

A gentleman went into a hat shop to have his silk hat ironed. While he stood there alone and bareheaded, another man rushed in with his hat in his hand, and, supposing the first customer to be an attendant, angrily confronted him.

"See here," he said, "this hat doesn't fit!"
The bareheaded one eyed the stranger critically from head to foot, and then drawled out:
"Well, neither does your coat. What's more, if you'll pardon my saying so, I can't say I quite like the color of your trousers."—Edinburg Scotsman.

Net Quail in Thousands.

In the Mediterranean no bird is better known than the quail from the Spanish littoral to the Arabian hillsides. Twice a year it passes over the great inland sea, northward in spring and southward in September and October. Its coming is quite a festival, and many an outstanding bill and many a peasant's overdue rent is paid at its expense.

When it goes northward in May to its nesting place in middle Europe the sandy Italian sea beaches are lined in the line of its flight with fine netting loosely held up by stakes, and the unhappy little quails, flying low over the sea, plunge into these and are securely held by the falling meshes. No fewer than 17,000 have been received in Rome in one day, and in the small island of Dapri, near Naples, 100,000 are sometimes taken in a season.—Detroit News.

Two Things to Explain.

The trophy for absent-mindedness goes to Harold. He took his fiancée to the picture show house the other night and left her standing in the lobby while he went to the ticket window.

"One ticket, please," he said. A little later, when the girl trailed him through the entrance, the doorman asked him how he had expected to do it.

"But I had a harder time explaining to the girl that she really was an important item in the evening's program."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

As late as 1878 Portugal had a law forbidding widows above the age of 50 to marry.

The poorest Arab women paint their eyes with kohl to make them appear larger and more brilliant.

A Kansas telephone company official complains that women seem unable to learn how to use the telephone properly.

A young woman who opened a tea-room in New York city after leaving college is said to be making \$30,000 a year out of her venture.

The Toronto (Ont.) Presbytery has decided to allow women to occupy the pulpits and take full charge of the services on one Sunday of the year.

This first woman to obtain the degree of a Doctor of Law in France was Mlle. Sarmisa Dilcescu, a Roumanian by birth, who attained the distinction in 1890.



—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: One carload of copper, one carload of ixite, two carloads of lead and one carload of silver.

—Christmas shopping is the order of the day in Laredo just now and in order to accommodate those who can not attending to this work during the daytime many of the business establishments of Laredo are preparing to keep "open house" until about 10 p.m. beginning Monday and up to and including Christmas eve.

—The postoffice and express company are fully aware of the near approach of Christmas by the volume of packages coming into Laredo for delivery to those to whom addressed. Quite a large number of packages are likewise rolling out of here on every train by mail and express.

—District court will continue in session up to Christmas eve and then resume its work the day following Christmas. The criminal docket for the term is now on trial and will continue until all the cases set for trial are finally disposed of.

QUICK RESPONSE FIREMEN SAVED SANITARY GROCERY

Fire at 1 O'Clock This Morning Was Under Good Headway When Fire Department Reached the Scene.

An alarm of fire was sounded at 1 o'clock this morning for the second ward, the fire being in the Sanitary Grocery in the Alexander building on Lincoln street. The fire apparatus rushed to the scene and saved the building and its contents, as a fairly good blaze was under way.

The fire originated in the office near the telephone and a partition between the store and office was badly charred and some other minor damage done, but the greatest damage was necessarily done by water. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES.

DECEMBER 18.

1819—Isaac Thomas Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, born in New York City. Died there, Dec. 22, 1888.

1869—Louis Moreau Gottschalk, a brilliant pianist and composer, died at Rio de Janeiro. Born at New Orleans, May 8, 1829.

1870—Assembly of German princes presented the king of Prussia with an address requesting him to become emperor.

1877—The Protestant Episcopal diocese of Springfield, Ill., was organized.

1894—M. Brisson was elected president of the French Chamber of Deputies.

1914—British protectorate claimed throughout Egypt.

1915—Great Britain sent single men of the new volunteers, from 19 to 22 years old, to the colors.

1916—French recovered Chambrette at Verdun and repelled attacks near Peronne.

1917—Ten persons killed in a German air raid on London.

HOUSE BOATS VS. PROFITEERS.

A London newspaper suggests that house boats are a possible means of reducing the housing problems. A house boat moored up the Thames in summer would serve as a country house, and towed down and moored between Waterloo and Charing Cross bridges, it would prove a convenient winter home. The anchorage fee is only seven shillings and sixpence, the paper adds. The price of construction, heating and repairs is not mentioned!

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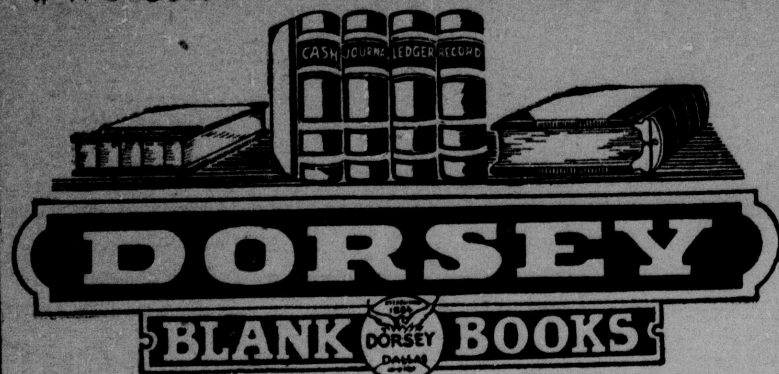
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spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cone of North Laredo.

Mrs. Grover Nye will spend the holidays in Dilley, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Newman.

Mrs. M. T. Cogley left last night for San Antonio. On her return she will be accompanied by little Miss Rosita Barlow, who will spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. DeWolf left yesterday for Dallas to spend Christmas with friends.

Miss Ruth Murphy returned on Wednesday from a pleasant trip to San Antonio and Brownsville.

Arthur Werner arrived yesterday from San Antonio to spend the holidays.

Sam Johnson arrived yesterday from San Antonio for the holidays.

Judge and Mrs. D. McNeil Turner will leave tomorrow for Corpus Christi to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. John T. Parker and little grand-daughter, Iona Lee Parker, left this morning for San Antonio to return with her grand-daughter, Anita Parker, who is coming home to spend the holidays.

Troop Number 2, Boy Scouts of Laredo, will hold their regular meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock in Scout Hall. All Scouts urged to be present.

Burrows-Correu.
Miss Mary Correu and Mr. Lois Burrows were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. Correu, on Wednesday evening. Rev. A. F. Beddoe performing the ceremony. Only the members of the family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows went to San Antonio for a short stay.

Dance.
The bachelor officers of Fort McIntosh entertained with a delightfully informal dance at the officers' club on Wednesday evening, honoring the Condren-Nelson bridal party and other guests. The 37th Infantry orchestra furnished the music and dancing was enjoyed until the midnight hour.

Honoring Bridal Party.
One of the attractive affairs of the week was the delightful party given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nelson Tuesday evening, honoring the Condren-Nelson bridal party. The home was attractively decorated in pink roses and ferns. A pleasant series of games of bridge was enjoyed, followed by a salad course, after which the gifts of the bride and groom to the bridal party were presented. Miss Anita Johnson, maid of honor, received a beautiful blue ostrich feather fan. The matron of honor, Mrs. Albert Martin, was presented with a lovely bouquet of orchids and roses, with corsage pin. The men were given sterling silver monogrammed match cases. Those enjoying the gracious hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Muller, Mrs. Barlow, Miss Anita Johnson, Miss Marguerite Nelson, Lieut. Snider, Captains Condren and Zupann, Mr. Lawrence Nelson and the host and hostess.

Thursday Bridge Club.
The Thursday Bridge Club and additional guests were delightfully entertained Thursday afternoon by Miss Josephine Sauvignat. The rooms were effectively decorated in beautiful poinsettia, the Christmas flower, and ferns. In the rounds of bridge played the club prize was won

by Mrs. Joseph and the guest prize by Mrs. Kyce, both being given attractive hand-embroidered dresser scarfs. A delicious two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those who enjoyed the pleasant hospitality were: Club members—Misses Eva Levi, Annie and Frances Alexander, Maria Mowry, Lucille Murphy, Helen and Kathryn MacGregor, Mesdames O'Meara, Joe Moser and Joseph; guests—Miss Julia Schultz and Mesdames T. A. Leyendecker, J. C. Martin, E. H. Sauvignat, Kyce, B. B. Buck, George Kennedy, A. H. Sloyd and A. R. Vidauri.

Married Ladies Social Club.
Mrs. J. H. Davis entertained with a delightful bridge party yesterday afternoon, complimenting the members of the Married Ladies Social Club and other guests. Christmas greens and poinsettias were used in the house decorations, prettily heralding the charming holiday season. In the games of bridge played, the club prize was awarded to Mrs. J. H. Davis.

Wanted.
A French dressing bottle of the same ware, was awarded Mrs. Brennan. Consolation was cut by Mrs. J. W. Brewster, who received an art pottery nut bowl. A delicious two-course luncheon was served after the games. Those enjoying the pleasure of the occasion were: Club members—Mesdames Austria, Cogley, Barlow, Biggio, Brewster, Christen, Derby, Fish, MacGregor, McComb, Vidales, Young, Huberich and Hall; guests—Mesdames Colbern, Jefferies, Boniger, Brennan, Gill, Seymour, Penn, Foster, McVicar, Williams and Mally.

Missionary Meeting.
Circle A. W. M. U. of the Baptist church, were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. C. C. Burr in North Laredo yesterday, when they held their regular missionary meeting. The meeting opened with prayer, followed by a solo by Mrs. A. F. Beddoe. The Bible study was conducted by Mrs. Miller. Mrs. C. C. Burr made a special offering, as it was the anniversary of her baptism. A delightful social hour was enjoyed after the Bible lesson and Mrs. J. M. Burr and Mrs. Whyte were welcomed into the circle. The hostess served delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate during the afternoon. Those present were: Miss Flanagan and Mesdames J. M. Burr, Bergman, Horner, Bell, Ince, Miller, Jennings, Trout, Beddoe and Whyte. The visitors of the afternoon were Mrs. C. W. Nye, Mrs. Grover Nye and Mrs. W. A. Cone.

PERSONALS

Hon. Wilbur P. Allen arrived here this morning from Austin and left for his ranch near Hebronville.

Oscar Thompson arrived here last night from a hunting trip near Encinal and left this morning for his home at Hebronville.

Adjutant General W. S. Cope arrived in the city this morning from Austin and left for Brownsville. He was met here by Captains Will Wright and Joe Brooks, who accompanied him on the trip to the lower country.

Should Be Quarantined.
Many physicians believe that any one who has a bad cold should be completely isolated to prevent other members of the family and associates from contracting the diseases, as colds are about as catching as measles. One thing sure the sooner one rid himself of a cold the less the danger, and you will look a good while before you find a better medicine than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to aid you in curing a cold.



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For Rent:—Seven room house with gas, water and light, on Heights. Apply 1115 Rosario street. 12-6-tf.

Wanted:—A first-class hardware clerk. Must know both English and Spanish, and have had experience. State in your application: Age, experience and references. A. Deutz & Brother. 12-12-tf.

For Sale:—Brand new solid Army blankets, \$7.95. Parcels post prepaid. Limited number, order now. Brown & Adleson, Robstown, Texas. 12-15-6t.

For Rent:—Two furnished rooms. Phone 152. 12-16-5t.

For Sale:—Store with good stock of dry goods, shoes and clothing. Cash or satisfactory terms. Apply 516 Flores avenue, phone 1126. 12-17-tf.

For Sale:—My home on the Heights. Dr. G. C. Hiatt, phone 571. 12-19-3t.

For Rent:—Cottage, four rooms and bath, 2012 Farragut street. Apply Exchange Hotel. 12-19-tf.

Wanted:—A couple without children desires room and board with private family. Answer "A" care Times. 12-19-3t.

For Sale:—New set of Stoddard's lectures; ten volumes with four supplemental volumes. M. L. Reynolds, phone 1085. 12-19-3t.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS.

DECEMBER 19.
Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, born in Quebec, 66 years ago today.

Reginald Vanderbilt, millionaire sportsman, born in New York City, 39 years ago today.

Maria L. Sanford, for many years a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, born at Old Saybrook, Conn., 83 years ago today.

Mrs. Minnie Madden Fiske, one of the most noted actresses of the American stage, born in New Orleans, 54 years ago today.

Eleanor H. Porter, author of the "Pollyanna" stories, born at Littleton, N. H., 51 years ago today.

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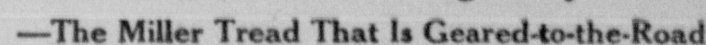
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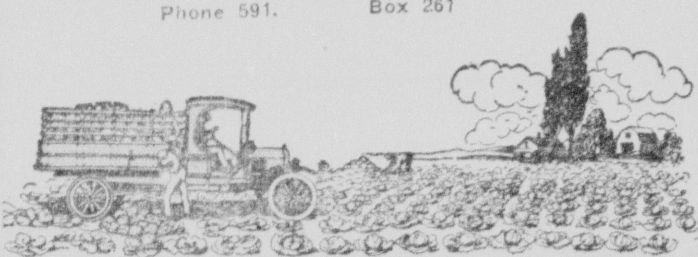
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ANOTHER MURDER.

Many years ago an English official was murdered by Irish "patriots" in Phoenix Park, Dublin, under peculiarly atrocious circumstances. The dead man was not particularly objectionable to the Irish, but he represented the British government, and that was enough, in the minds of the men who hated that government, to sign his death warrant.

Now comes the news that the present Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Viscount French, was the object of a murderous assault in which a civilian was killed and a policeman wounded by a bullet, while the viscount escaped unhurt.

One reason why the sympathy of the outside world is not unreservedly on the side of the Irish cause is that from time immemorial assassination has been one of the weapons used by the Irish "patriots." They have murdered Englishmen, people of their own race whom they regarded as traitors and even complete strangers whom they respected of sympathy with the British government.

Acts of the most frightful barbarity were committed by the Fenians, the "Moonlighters," the "White Boys," and other organizations who were opposed to British rule, and each act of barbarity was followed by greater severity on the part of the government.

Irishmen who joined the Royal Irish Constabulary were denounced as traitors to their country, although all they did in the performance of their duty was to aid in keeping the peace.

Landholders who paid their rent to the ever-unpopular landlords were called to the door on dark nights and murdered in cold blood in sight of their wives and children.

Even the inoffensive dumb beasts were made the object of the brutal outrages, and cows were found by their owners in the morning, after one of the demonstrations of the "moonlighters," with their tails cut off and suffering from other inhuman acts.

Naturally this aroused indignation all over the world, and as no one could see what the perpetrators of these acts could hope to gain from them, the Irish cause suffered a loss of prestige.

There was loyalty and bravery displayed in the various armed rebellions against British rule which called for the admiration of those who were not even interested in the success of the Irish movement. The men who died bravely on the scaffold have been heroes to this day for their proclaimed independence of foreign despotism and their willingness to die for it. These beliefs to be the cause of assassination and midnight murder as a means to a political end nowadays. At least, no one did until this attack on the lord lieutenant, who is guilty only of being an official of the British government.

It may be that some of the Irish leaders will accuse their opponents of attempting the murder of the official in the hope of discrediting the Irish cause. But no one who has read the history of the blood-stained little Green Isle will doubt for a moment that some "inspired patriot" has attempted this latest outrage, and that no matter how much the chiefs of the Sinn Féin movement may deplore such violence, it was committed in the hope of furthering the rebel cause.

It may lead to acts of repression, although the British government has long since seen the futility and the needless cruelty of punishing a whole people for the criminal acts of a few.

If the assassins are handed over to justice, it will go a long way toward demonstrating the justice of the rebel cause and proving that the new Irish leaders are really actuated by patriotic motives and not by class or race hatred.

Viscount French is to be congratulated on his escape, and should take heed of his ways for some time to come. Although his natural bravery, which even his enemies cannot impugn, perhaps will not permit him to be cautious.

CASE WAS CONTINUED ON APPLICATION DEFENDANT

Merced de la Cruz, Charged With Statutory Crime, Asks Time to Ascertain Age of the Plaintiff.

This morning in the district court here the case of the State of Texas vs. Merced de la Cruz, charged with a statutory crime, was called for trial and, upon the first application of the defendant for a continuance in order to give him time to ascertain the age of the girl in the case by means of a certificate of baptism from Mexico, same was continued.

A special venire had been summoned from which to secure a jury to try the case, which carries a maximum penalty of death, but these were excused when the application for a continuance was granted. The case will probably be taken up for trial at the next term of the district court.

Business Change.

I have purchased the Mateo Lopez barber shop on the southside of Market plaza in the Laredo National Bank building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

JUAN LOPEZ.

MONITION.

D. L. 183: United States vs. 1 Diamond Ring, 1 Pair Diamond and Sapphire Earrings, 1 Pair Pearl and Diamond Earrings and 1 Diamond and Ruby Stick Pin, (Seizure 1570-L).

Whereas, a suit to forfeit and condemn the above described property has been filed on behalf of the United States on the 8th day of December, A. D. 1919, said property having been seized by direction of the Collector of Customs at the Port of Laredo, Texas, for the causes set forth in the libel now pending in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, at Laredo, Texas, I hereby give notice to all persons claiming the said described property, or knowing or having anything to say why the same should not be condemned and forfeited, and the proceeds thereof distributed according to the prayer of the libel, that they be and appear before the said Court, to be held in and for the Southern District of Texas, at the United States Court Room, in the City of Laredo, Texas, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1919, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. of that day, if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to interpose a claim for the same, and make their allegations in that behalf.

J. A. HERRING,
U. S. Marshal S. D. T.
By ALLEN WALKER, Deputy.

MONITION.

D. L. 182: United States vs. 1 Pistol, Police Special, Cal. 32-20, No. 175618; 1 Pistol, Colt's Army Special, Cal. 32-20, No. 44161, 1 Pistol, Army Special, Cal. 38, No. 443956; 1 Pistol, Police Positive, Cal. 32-20; No. 178-147; 1 Pistol, Police Special, Cal. 32-20, No. 174641; 1 Pistol, Army Special, Cal. 38, No. 443922; (Seizure 1632-L), 1000 22 Cal. Cartridges; (Seizure 1644-L), 2200 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1651-L), 2300 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1652-L), 3000 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1658-L), 1000 Cartridges, Cal. 22; (Seizure 1667-L).

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PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS WHICH COME IN NEGATIVE

Schools Will Be Closed, County For Two Weeks and City for Ten Days; Short Recess of District Court.

The county schools of Laredo closed for the holidays today and will not resume their sessions until Monday, January 5, while the city schools of the Laredo Independent School District will close on next Wednesday, December 24, at noon and remain in vacation until Monday morning, January 5.

District court, which is now in session here, will take a short vacation, court adjourning for Christmas on next Tuesday and remaining in vacation until Friday morning, December 26, when they will resume trial of the criminal docket and proceed until that docket is cleared.

Christmas Trees.

Joe Barberio & Co., have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

12-15-9t.

CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS WITH BIG ENTERTAINMENT

Soldier Boys at Fort McIntosh will Observe Christmas With Entertainment and Usual Big Feasts.

The soldier boys stationed at Fort McIntosh are looking forward to Christmas with much pleasure this year, as they will be given a big Christmas entertainment in which all participate and will enjoy themselves, the entertainment being given at the post by the ladies of Fort McIntosh.

On Christmas Day the soldier boys will have their usual big Christmas feast and enjoy themselves in the usual way of the U. S. A. soldier on that day, a day on which all duties are laid aside and give way to pleasures of all kinds.

Notice.

Have temporarily moved to the store on Hidalgo street one door east of the People's Pharmacy.

W. R. MUTER.

12-18-12t.

MORE BUILDING ACTIVITY ANNOUNCED FOR THIS CITY

NEW BUILDINGS CONSTANTLY BEING ADDED TO FUTURE LIST.

Latest Building to Be Announced is That to Be Erected on Convery Property in Business District.

The slogan, "And Still They Come," is being kept alive by Laredo in a most convincing manner by the announcement every few days that another large and modern business structure is in prospect, adding to the extensive building program that this city has in view for the coming year of 1920, which promises to witness the construction of more substantial and modern brick buildings here than in any previous year in the history of this community.

Announcement has already been made of the progress in the construction work on the modern and handsome home of the Laredo Auto Sales Co., and the National Motor Co., which are well under way; the Thaisson, Lattig, Earnest and Russell building, work on which has just begun; the remodeling and enlarging of the telephone company building; the completion of the building of the Home Ice Co. and other buildings, while the Elks Lodge of this city will begin the construction of a home early in 1920 which will cost about \$75,000.

The latest announcement of another valuable acquisition to the business district of Laredo is the building which Mrs. John Convery will erect on the site at the corner of Farragut street and Juarez Avenue at present occupied by the old Convery undertaking establishment. This building is to be a modern brick structure of two stories and will cover the entire site, which is about 100x150, and will consist of two store buildings and a modern building to be used as an undertaking establishment by Undertaker Jackson. Work on this new building, which will be constructed by Contractor L. V. Jambers, is expected to begin early during the coming year and be completed before summer.

According to the official report just issued by the Texas Chamber of Commerce on building operations in Texas cities from January to September, 1919, Laredo is accredited with having issued 99 building permits for buildings valued at \$104,300, but the next report to be issued by that organization will show about twice the number of building permits and a much greater valuation, as the valuation of the buildings now under construction or planned exceed \$200,000.

CIRCULAR PROPOSAL.

Office of The Salvage Office.

Fort McIntosh, Texas;

December, 18th, 1919.

Sealed proposals in TRIPPLICATE will be received at this office until 10:00 a. m. January 8th, 1920 on articles on attached list.

This material has been inspected and condemned for further use by the Government. Material will be sold "AS IS" and under no consideration will a refund or adjustment be made on account of supplies not coming up to the standard of expectation.

Attention is directed to Sections 1342 and 3743, Revised Statutes and Section 33 of Criminal Code in that no articles of outer clothing shall be resold as clothing to persons in the United States unauthorized by law to wear same unless dyed a color distinct from that of the uniform of the United States Army and Navy.

Buttons bearing the coat of arms of the United States have been removed from the articles of clothing offered for sale. Attention is directed to Sections 1342 and 3743, Revised Statutes and Section 33 of Criminal Code, in that no articles of outer clothing shall be resold as clothing to persons in the United States unauthorized by law to wear same.

No alterations or modifications of terms of purchase shall be permitted. At least 20% of entire bid shall accompany the bid in certified check or legal tender as a guarantee of fulfillment. The deposit of the buyer will be retained until transaction is completed and credited on final payment. Deposit of unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them when awards are made. All checks must be certified and made payable to "Salvage Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas". It is requested that amount of deposit be mentioned on bid.

Proposals must be signed by bidders, enclosed in sealed envelope, postage fully prepaid and addressed to "Salvage Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas", and marked "Proposals for Sale of Salvage Articles, to be Opened at 10:00 a. m. January 8th 1920". All items listed for sale may be seen on application to Salvage Officer, Fort McIntosh, Texas. It is urged that bidders avail themselves of the opportunity to inspect this material before submitting bid.

Award will be made promptly on authorization from the Office of Director Purchase and Storage, Washington, D. C. Bids should be mailed at least five days prior to date of opening of bidders outside Laredo. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Waine Archer,

1st. Lieut. 37th. Infantry.

LOCAL NEWS

TUTTI-FRUTTI ICE CREAM FOR SUNDAY SPECIAL PHONE 145 CONSUMERS ICE & FUEL COMPANY.

—Both morning and evening services at the Presbyterian Church will be of the nature of Christmas services with special music.

—W. R. Muter, taxidermy in all its branches. Hidalgo street near Flores avenue. 12-18-12t.

—Horner's Pharmacy is temporarily located at 1217 Farragut street, in the Elks building next to Electric & Ry. Co's office. 12-17-6t.

—Rev. W. L. Barr went to Cotulla yesterday to attend a Missionary Centenary Group meeting. He will return today accompanied by Rev. Z. V. Liles, the Presiding Elder of the Uvalde District, who will preach both morning and evening at the Methodist Church tomorrow.

—Before purchasing your Christmas candy see the special mixed candy at Laredo Candy Co. 12-15-9t.

—Mexican curios and pottery at D. R. Muter's, Hidalgo street near Flores avenue. 12-18-12t.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Samuel S. Zito and Miss Marie E. Fernandez, Antonio G. Garcia and Miss Felicitas Cuellar.

—To save money buy your high class jewelry at the Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-12t.

—For something real palatable call at Kennedy's delicatessen department at the Sanitary Grocery. Phones 669 and 665. 12-5-tf.

—More prospects for oil and gas leases are being recorded here. Josefa M. de Gutierrez has leased to A. M. Bruni a tract of 600 acres in this county, and Alonzo Lopez and wife have leased a tract of 320 acres in Webb county to R. M. Gonzales.

—Special price of 30c a pound for homemade French Christmas mixed candy at Pappas. 12-15-9t.

—Dressmaking, Mrs. A. M. Horner, 1602 Washington street, phone 1179. 12-11-1m.

—The following importations from Mexico passed through the port of Laredo yesterday afternoon: Two carloads of lead and one carload of baskets. Besides these there were numerous carloads of household goods and other articles brought by cart across the international footbridge.

—We have a very large line of \$1.00 to \$6.00, toilet sets from \$5.00 to \$50.00. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-12t.

—All kinds of fancy boxes and candy canes at Pappas for Christmas. 12-15-9t.

—A light rain fell in Laredo and surrounding country throughout last night and up to an early hour this morning, adding to the disagreeable condition of the streets. If a genuine old-fashioned gully-washing rain would come down now all this mud would be washed into the storm sewers and the streets would be in excellent condition for Christmas.

—We do all kinds of plumbing work, gas fitting and sewer work. Also making and repairing cess pools. For quick service phone 1203 day and night. B. Juarez, plumber. 8-12-tf.

—I buy and sell anything from a pin to a locomotive; this includes farms and ranches. J. L. Fierros, 302 Farragut street. 2-17-tf.

—This is the last Saturday before Christmas—the big day and night for the business establishments of Laredo, handling goods suitable for Christmas presents. The indications are that most of the stores of Laredo (those which have advertised the fact that they have Christmas goods for sale) will be crowded with shoppers from early evening until closing time tonight.

—The Belmont. Rooms and apartments. 602 Main Ave. Phone 676 or 1017. 6-20-tf.

—Why not a Victrola for Christmas? Also, some fine new records. Laredo Music and Jewelry Co. 12-11-12t.

—Important news item: That wonderful light which came forth from the nebulae this forenoon is what was formerly known as the sun. It has returned to Laredo after an absence of several days "up there."

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf.

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From Saturday's Daily.

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Irishmen who joined the Royal Irish Constabulary were denounced as traitors to their country, although all they did in the performance of their duty was to aid in keeping the peace.

Landholders who paid their rent to the ever-unpopular landlords were called to the door on dark nights and murdered in cold blood in sight of their wives and children.

Even the inoffensive dumb beasts were made the object of the brutal outrages, and cows were found by their owners in the morning, after one of the demonstrations of the "moonlighters," with their tails cut off and suffering from other inhuman acts.

Naturally this aroused indignation all over the world, and as no one could see what the perpetrators of these acts could hope to gain from them, the Irish cause suffered a loss of prestige.

There was loyalty and bravery displayed in the various armed rebellions against British rule which called for the admiration of those who were not even interested in the success of the Irish movement. The men who died bravely on the scaffold have been heroes to this day for their proclaimed independence of foreign despotism and their willingness to die for what they believed to be the right.

But no one, outside of debased and degraded Russia, uses the methods of assassination and midnight murder as a means to a political end nowadays. At least, no one did until this attack on the lord lieutenant, who is guilty only of being an official of the British government.

It may be that some of the Irish leaders will accuse their opponents of attempting the murder of the official in the hope of discrediting the Irish cause. But no one who has read the history of the blood-stained Little Green Isle will doubt for a moment that some "inspired patriot" has attempted this latest outrage, and that no matter how much the chiefs of the Sinn Fein movement may deplore such violence, it was committed in the hope of furthering the rebel cause.

It may lead to acts of repression, although the British government has long since seen the futility and the needless cruelty of punishing a whole people for the criminal acts of a few.

If the assassins are handed over to justice, it will go a long way toward demonstrating the justice of the rebel cause and proving that the new Irish leaders are really actuated by patriotic motives and not by class or race hatred.

Viscount French is to be congratulated on his escape, and should take heed of his ways for some time to come. Although his natural bravery, which even his enemies cannot impugn, perhaps will not permit him to be cautious.

CASE WAS CONTINUED ON APPLICATION DEFENDANT

Merced de la Cruz, Charged With Statutory Crime, Asks Time to Ascertain Age of the Plaintiff.

This morning in the district court here the case of the State of Texas vs. Merced de la Cruz, charged with a statutory crime, was called for trial and, upon the first application of the defendant for a continuance in order to give him time to ascertain the age of the girl in the case by means of a certificate of baptism from Mexico, same was continued.

A special venire had been summoned from which to secure a jury to try the case, which carries a maximum penalty of death, but these were excused when the application for a continuance was granted. The case will probably be taken up for trial at the next term of the district court.

Business Change.

I have purchased the Mateo Lopez barber shop on the southside of Market plaza in the Laredo National Bank building, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers. I will conduct a strictly first class and modern shop. Phone 1171.

JUAN LOPEZ.

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District court, which is now in session here, will take a short vacation, court adjourning for Christmas on next Tuesday and remaining in vacation until Friday morning, December 26, when they will resume trial of the criminal docket and proceed until that docket is cleared.

Christmas Trees.

Joe Barberio & Co. have received a consignment of Christmas trees, all sizes from the smallest to the largest, which they are selling at reasonable prices. Telephone 292.

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CHRISTMAS FOR SOLDIERS WITH BIG ENTERTAINMENT

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This material has been inspected and condemned for further use by the Government. Material will be sold "AS IS" and under no consideration will a refund or adjustment be made on account of supplies not coming up to the standard of expectation.

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Mrs. W. D. Butler and baby will leave next week for San Antonio to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. R. S. Dixon and little daughter, Helen Miller Dixon, expect to go to San Antonio to spend the holidays with Mrs. Dixon's father.

Mr. J. E. Applewhite, who has been in Terrell Wells for several weeks, is expected home for Christmas.

Miss Clara Hall came in from Bruniville Thursday and will spend Christmas vacation at home.

Mr. W. N. Landrum returned to San Antonio Thursday, after a week's stay in Laredo. He was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira O'Meara while in the city.

Mrs. C. M. Tamez and daughters, Misses Maria and Luz Tamez, of Monterrey, arrived in the city on Tuesday and are pleasantly located at the cottage on the corner of Farragut street and Juarez Avenue.

Miss Mildred McKnight is expected to arrive in Laredo on January 4 to conduct Red Cross classes in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick. The classes will be held at the International Institute.

Miss Olivia Schultz of Little Rock will arrive tomorrow morning to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Buentz.

Pepe Lowry came in yesterday from Waco to spend the holidays at home.

Miss Hilda Kleinsmith of Victoria is expected in Laredo to be the holiday guest of the Misses Alexander.

Club Notes.

The Blue Birds met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alfred Poggenpohl, and a part of the time was passed in practicing carols to be sung at the International Institute on Tuesday evening, when a Christmas celebration will be given. A pleasant social time was also enjoyed, during which time the hostess served fruit. Those present were: Mary Condren, Gladys Sauvignat, Helen Dixon, Dorothy Wilson, Jennie May Gallahan, Bertha Bodet, Anne McKinney, Miss Surges and Mrs. Poggenpohl.

Entertainment.

The carnival held at Fort McIntosh on Thursday evening was a decided success in every way. While the crowd in attendance was not very

CHURCHES

St. Augustine Pro-Cathedral:—First mass at 6 a. m. Second mass at 8 a. m. Third mass at 9 a. m. Solemn High Mass 10 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 7:30 p. m.

St. Peter's:—Low mass at 7 a. m. High mass and sermon at 9 o'clock, followed by Sunday School. Evening service and lecture beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

REV. JOHN McLOY, Pastor.

Guadalupe Church:—Mass and sermon at 8 a. m. Rosary and Benediction at 4:30 p. m.

Church of Divine Redeemer:—Mass and sermon at 7 a. m. Rosary and Benediction at 7:30 p. m.

Christ Episcopal Church:—Rev. Chas. W. Cook, rector.

Sunday before Christmas. Color purple.

Holy Communion 7:30 a. m. Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Morning service and sermon 11 a. m.

Evening service and sermon 7:30 p. m. Monday 4:30 p. m. Junior choir rehearsal.

Wednesday, midnight service, beginning 11 p. m.

Christmas Day, Holy Communion 10 a. m.

First Baptist Church:—Cor. Houston St. and Main Ave. 9:45, Sunday School; C. M. Henry, superintendent.

10:45 a. m. Pastor Beddoe will speak on "The Significance of the Houston Convention."